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423 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

March 22, 1918.

American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 156th Street,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

AERO CLUB OF AMERICA. WAR MEDAL.

Under date of March 19th Mr. Alan R. Hawley, the president, wrote to me through Joseph A. Steinmetz, of Philadelphia, the following letter.

New York, 19th March, 1918.

My dear Mr. Steinmetz:-

Your letter of the 8th, together with that of Mr. Harrold Gillingham attached thereto, was presented at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Aero Club held on Wednesday last, and I am pleased to advise you that Mr. Gillingham's request for replica of the Aero Club of America war Medal for presentation to the American Numismatic Society, was approved.

We have written to the Foreign Service Committee of the Aero Club of America in Paris, requesting that they forward us a medal and as soon as we are in receipt of it, we shall gladly deliver it to the American Numismatic Society, direct, unless, of course you or Mr. Gillingham give us other instructions.

Thanking you for your kindness in conveying this request, and with all good wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Alan R. Hawley."

This looks as if we would soon obtain a copy of this medal for our cabinet and I hope I will be equally as successful in my *other* channels.

Very cordially yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



*Lofer*

March 22, 1918.

Mr. Alan R. Hawley, President,  
The Aero Club of America,  
297 Madison Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hawley:-

Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia has forwarded to me your valued communication of the 19th inst., in which you advise that the Club have approved of my request for presentation to the American Numismatic Society of a replica of your War Medal.

To assure you that this will not get into private hands it might be best to deliver it direct to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway & 156th Street, New York City, from whom proper acknowledgment will come.

In this connection, my dear Sir, permit me to extend to you and your Club my personal appreciation of your kindness in granting this request. I am quite sure the Society will deeply appreciate this and the medal will be given publicity in their cabinet of New Acquisitions and proper acknowledgment sent you.

Incidentally, if you have never been to the rooms of the Numismatic Society, I am sure you will appreciate what they have and their collection of Medals is worth a visit uptown.

Again thanking you and your associates, I am

Very cordially yours,

HAROLD E. GILLINGHAM



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
423 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

January 21st, 1919

Howland Wood Esq,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Re- Elise Willing Balch Medal.

In response to my appeal, Mr. Thomas Willing Balch told me this morning, that the next time his brother, Mr. Edwin Swift Balch is in New York at the Geographical Society, he will visit your Museum and see just what kind of a medal you wish, and he will make arrangements with you and the Colonial Dames to give you copies. He wishes to enquire as to the metal which will be asked for, as the medals are usually presented in Gold.

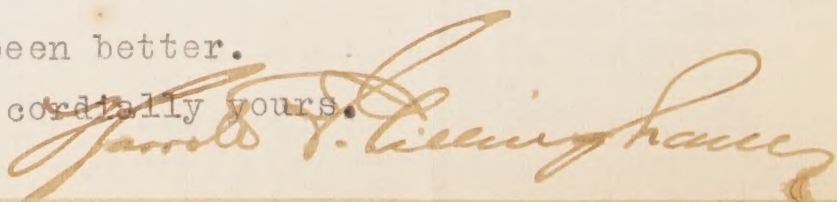
I suggested that they present two copies, so you can show the obverse and reverse thereof, and leave it to you and your associates, as to which metal to ask for.

Mr. Edwin Swift Balch, is I believe, a member of the Geographical Society and goes to New York to attend the meetings, so you may enquire about the time to expect him, and prepare your associate officers, in case he comes,

I have had no response to my letter to the Secretary of the Philadelphia Sketch Club, but will keep you posted.

I regret that I did not have more time to show you last evening, but I certainly appreciate you and Mr. Reilly coming over, and wish my talk could have been better.

Very cordially yours.





432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia,

1st, November 1920

Mr Howland Wood,  
Curator,

Dear Mr. Wood.

Have you yet received the shipment of coins etc, which you ordered from Mess. Baldwin, of London, and those Spanish decorations which I bought from them for the Society ?

I have not heard from you, and wondered if they had shipped them, as promised, for I understood they were to come forward in a few days. If you have not yet received them, I will write and ask about it.

Today I was fortunate in finding an original, U.S. First class Life Saving gold medal, with the recipients name on. I feel it is rather an unusual piece, and one not often offered for sale.

Is there to be a Council meeting Friday next ? I have had no notice as yet.

Kindest regards to all at the Museum, and I hope things are going well with you. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Wood.

Cordially yours,

*Harold V. Liddington*

*Sincerely & Lovingly  
to you.*



432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia  
9th, November 1920

Mr Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I expect to come over Friday for the Council meeting, and will try and get up to the Society rooms before the Elder sale.

Is there any thing important to bring me over again for the Society meeting of Saturday, as I especially want to be home in time for dinner, which I could not very well do by attending the meeting. I do not wish to shirk my duties.

You may remember I told you in London, I would give the Society my medals of the France Kings, Well-when I mentioned it at home, there arose such a protest, I had better keep them. But I see Elder has some for sale- Item No. 1279. Take a look at them, and see what they may possibly bring, and let me know Friday. It may be cheaper for me to buy them and present to the Society than to incur my family's displeasure. Heslein of Boston had a set some time ago, I do not know if he still has it.

Many thanks for your letter, I am glad Baldwin's goods have at last reached New York, and I hope the Spanish decorations will not duplicate any thing you have in the Society's collection.

Kindest regards to your fellow Officers and to Mrs. Wood and her husband.

Cordially yours,

*Harold T. Litchman*



November 9th, 1920.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Penn.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

Your letter just at hand, and I think you are mixed up somewhat as to dates. The Council meeting is on the 12th while Elder's Sale is the following week. Our meeting for Saturday is not especially important. Naturally we would like as many here as possible. I do not know of anything of great importance coming up at this meeting.

During the summer a set of bronze medals of the Kings of France came in to us, size about two and one-half inches across. I should judge that your set and the set in Elder's sale are the smaller sized ones. I do not under the circumstances think that it is necessary for you to consider buying these. We know your intention which will be sufficient. I will show you, however, our set if you get up to the Society's building on Friday.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
423 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

4th. January 1921

Mr. Howland Wood

Curator.

American Numismatic Society.

My Dear Mr. Wood.

Enclosed is a clipping from our last Sunday's Public Ledger, showing two medals. The Flanagan one I presume you know of. The one of Stokowski, being designed by an amateur of Philadelphia, set me on the war-path to get a copy for your Museum. I had a most delightful interview with Mr. George H. Borst-the sculptor-who by the way is President of a Storage Warehouse Co. and does this as a past time. I asked him to present a copy thereof to the Society, which he has agreed to do. When it comes, please do the needful, in your usually courteous manner, and lay it on thick, at the same time inviting him to visit the Museum. He is the type of man who derives much pleasure from such things artistic.

I sent him one of the folders, gotten out some years ago. By the way my last, and I would like four or five sent me. I also enclose you a copy of a letter I am mailing him today.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



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MOUS ENGLISH NOV-  
LIST, ON THE ICE AT ST.  
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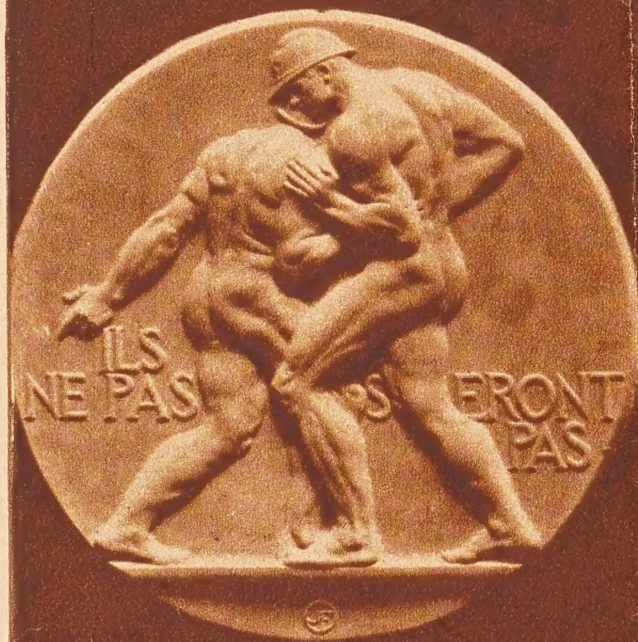
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ight) A PORTRAIT MEDAL-  
ON OF DR. LEOPOLD STO-  
WSKI, BY GEORGE H. BORST.

Borst, who is a well-known Phila-  
phia business man, took up sculp-  
e as a pastime. The original has  
n presented to the Philadelphia Or-  
Association

Ledger Photo Service







THE VERDUN GOLD MEDAL PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF VERDUN. It was designed by John Flanagan, in competition, and coined in the United States Mint at

Philadelphia

*Dorr Nease Services*



432 West Price St, Philadelphia

22 January 1921

Mr Howland Wood

Curator.

Dear Mr Wood.

You know my views of aiding Germany, and I have somewhat the same regarding the Bolskeviki's !! But the enclosed newspaper clipping leads me to believe there might (?) be a new Decoration for the Committee to procure. What would you think if I passed this matter over to the Staff ?

I am not positive that it is the duty of the Committee to procure all the acquisitions for the Museum. Perhaps you will say that my views are becoming Bolshevistic when I attempt to so "pass the Buck". But I am getting out of the work, on the plea that I do not know Lenin's address.

Let us hope the report is only newspaper talk anyway !

Kind regards to all the Staff,

Truly yours,

*Garrett S. Humphreys*

# RED "HEROES" DECORATED

"Order of Red Flag" Created by  
Moscow Soviet

Paris, Jan. 19. The Bolsheviks, according to a Moscow wireless message picked up here today, have instituted a military order called the "Order of the Red Flag."

Leo Kamenev, who recently acted as Soviet trade commissioner in London, and General Budenny, noted Bolshevik cavalry leader, were the first to receive the new decoration.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM

432 WEST PRICE ST.

GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

24th, March 1921

Dear Mr Wood.

You remember my bringing over my Order of Melusine to get you to locate it for me ? Well, Mr: Gifford of Boston secured one, sent to me for information on it. I never felt I was an authority. However I did dig up something in connection with it, locating the family of Lusignan, as its chief claimant. Gifford has unearthed a lot more about it. I put it all together and sent him a copy of what I am enclosing to you.

My letter crossed one from him, which gives later information. He has found a Boston man who has been decorated with this Order, has his certificate etc. He is to give both to Gifford. Now I am urging Gifford to write about the thing, the searches we have had etc, and you would like to have it for the Notes & Monographs I am sure. He is a good writer--much better than I am--& can make a snappy interesting article about it.

By the way! Mr Noe submitted that paper of mine to you, I believe. Do you want it soon? I have been over it all, corrected the Accents, verified the data etc. But I am expecting some pieces from France within a month which may add interest to illustrations.

Also do you wish me to rewrite it ? Will the sheets, which I sent over, do, with the several corrections made thereon ? Or do you have to send to the printer sheets with no corrections on them ?

Will you be good enough to hand the enclosed letter to Mr Wyman.

Kind regards to all of you, including Mrs. Wood.

Cordially yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



March 30th, 1921

Harold L. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 East Third Street  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for the information about the  
order of Melusine. I do hope that between you  
and Mr. Gifford you can work the whole business  
up. It ought to be real good material for a mono-  
graph. I will drop him a line also encourage  
him to write.

There is one small thing about Melusine the  
manuscript. I only showed it through but  
would like it so that we can have some of the  
things in order to get it ready for the printer.  
Also, we will have to get together some drawings and  
the things to illustrate. As for re-writing it,  
that is only necessary word and very much as the  
page would confuse the manuscript. In other words,  
I should say only occasional parts need being done.

Very truly yours,

Ernest



432 West Price Street

Philadelphia

9th, April 1921

Mr Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York

Dear Mr Wood,

Here are some corrections, in my statements to you.

The Order of St Catherine of Mt Sinai, is, in my opinion, neither Spanish nor Portuguese. The Arms on the Cross are of the House of Lusignan, and therefore I believe this to be a Family Order. I am hissing Mr Gifford on to it. The Order of St Louis, which you had under Parma, is of that Principality, as well as Lucca. When it was instituted, by Duke Charles-Louis of Lucca in 22 Dec, 1836 it was in Lucca. ~~Byt~~ he was succeeded by his son, Charles III, Duke of Parma, who reorganized the Order in Parma in 1849, and used it in Parma for a Civil and Military Decoration. Authorities class it generally as of Lucca, but Burke puts it also under Parma. Hence we were both right.

The Pontifical medal, (in the Saltus new lot) with the inverted cross, is the "Médaille de Castelfidardo" which was awarded to French troops by Pope Pius IX. Castelfidardo is a village where the Pontifical troops were beaten by the army of Victor Emmanuel the 18th, Sept, 1860. This is not described in the books on medals, but I found the name and an illustration in the catalogue of the Cote sale, May 1914-Paris.

The six pointed, ball-tipped bronze cross, labelled "Order of Merit" French Indo-China, is not given in any of the authorities, as a Governmental medal, even under Colonies. But both the Cote and Mattei catalogues give it under "Colonies" and call it a Decoration for the Natives. It is not given under those issued by the Ministry of the Colonies. Hence I believe it to be solely issued by the Colonial authorities for the Natives.



9 Apr 21

As to those silver medals for Upper and Lower Egypt, 1798 & 1799. I fail to find them in any of the authorities on French Medals. Nor are they to be found in the Cote and Mattei collections. At that date, it was not customary for France to give the Soldiers or Sailors any medals. (The Médaille de Sainte-Helene) was the first one issued for the rank & file. Will you send me, at your convenience, squeezes or rubbings of them. I will write to Platt about them.

The same thing applies to the "Arctic Expedition 1905", I would also like a rubbing of that.

If the Légion d'Honneur plaque, (which Mr Saltus sent) has the head of Napoleon on, it is of 1848, Second Republic. If that of Henry IV, it is of Louis Philippe's time. 1830. That was the first issue of plaques with the two flags in the angles. ( see L'Étoile de la Légion d'Honneur 1804-1904 by F.A. Rigault)

In the Napoleonic exhibition--by the entrance door--you showed me two bronze ovals, "Pacts Federatif 14 Juillet 1790" with soldiers in front of a table. These are souvenir I firmly believe. The Federation was a meeting of the representatives of all the Departments of France, to celebrate the first anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. A great meeting was held on the Champs de Mars, 90,000 being present. I cannot place them in any other class, than souvenir of the occasion. I have other variants, and one of 1791.

I hope I have not wearied you with these descriptions, but felt you might care to make some record or classification. I would like Mr Belden's opinion of my criticisms.

Sincerely,

*Samuel D. Huntington*

*Many thanks for Enclosed  
Correspondence.*



April 12th, 1971

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter at hand. I think that those two Napoleon medals of Napoleon's are fabrications. I have examined them closely and they are both bronze silver plated; they are both mint restrikes of plain circular medals struck by Napoleon. The ornate crescents at the top are cast and not struck, therefore I should not wonder that somebody with fertile ideas made these up out of whole-cloth. It would do no harm, however, to write Clement lists about these as well as the Arctic Expedition.

This latter medal on examination I think is nothing more than a personal medal issued to the crew of the 'Maroussia' by Philippe, Duc d'Orléans.

I am enclosing, herewith, rubbings of all of these medals.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.



n432 West Price Street

Philadelphia, Penna.

30 April 1921

Mr Howalnd Wood.

American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr Wood. I read and copied the enclosed extract, from the early Laws of the Province of New Jersey. It rather upsets the theories of most the Authorities on War Medals of the United States. The medal to ~~John~~ Paulding, Williams and VanWoort, for the capture of Andre, was not the first Medal authorized. Though it is the earliest, of which any specimen is known. Oh ! What I would give for one of these medals to John Vantile or the "Lad sirnamed Tilfort". Mr Belden and I will be bidding against each other, if one turns up in a sale.

My reason for sending this to you, is to know if you can use, in any way, this for an Article on the subject. Enough could not be written to make a Monograph. Could it be put in any other Number, ? Or would you suggest The Numismatist ? The A.N.S. if it wants it, is first in my thought. They published Mr Belden's valuable article on the U.S. medals. They should this !

BY THE WAY- Who edited the Proceedings, published in the last Monographs ??? I have a club for the fellow who added my name - third paragraph on page 32. That is not the report of the Committee. It never should have been done. It sounds foolish to refer to myself as a "Generous contributor". I read this and was sorry. But more so, when another member called my attention to it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Who gets the Brick, I have in my pocket ?

Until I learn the gully man, I shall send my very best regards to all the Staff.

Sincerely yours,

Farrell D. Litchfield



May 3rd, 1921

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

More strength to your right arm when you are able to dig up such good information as you have about John Vantile or the Lad surnamed Wilfert. I will study this and see if we can use it, and just how. However, I do not think I want you to have the same amount of strength in your right arm when you review the Proceedings. All I can say is, that I did not handle this in any way; I have read but little of it. I can even produce a complete alibi if necessary! My alibi is so good that I even do not know who is the fell villain who interpolated your name in the Report on Page 32. It certainly looks bad, and in behalf of he who is responsible, I offer due apologies.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Ed/S



BRIDGE-GATE  
HOLICONG P. O.  
BUCKS CO., PENNA.

9th. May 1921

Dear Mr. Wood.

It was thoughtful of you to remember me, with the Polish Gentleman, about the medals. If his collection is only uniform insignia, I would not care for it, but if he had any medals, I would of course be interested. But I appreciate your efforts, nevertheless.

By the way, have you in the Library, the following, -

"Numismatique Francaise, - Catalogue-Guide Illustre, de 1' Amateur" by Serrure. 1912

It seems to be an illustrated and priced list of the early coins of France and her dependencies, from the year One to date of publication. It is profusely illustrated.

I secured the two parts of this publication, from Platt. I ordered it thinking it was something else, and as it pertains entirely to coins, I am not interested.

If you care for it in the A.N.S. Library, I shall be glad to present it to your Collection.

My kind regards to all-- who may be working -- this season of the year.

Cordially yours,

*Garrett T. Helling*



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia  
18 May 1921

Mr Howland Wood,  
156th, & Broadway, N.Y.

Dear Mr Wood.

Re French Decorations Article.

I enclose two sheets, which should be added as Nos. 23a and 23b. will you please insert them. I also enclose a note, which perhaps might be inserted on page five, as a note to Godfrey de Boillon, on the tenth line of page 5.

I also send a copy of a "poem" which Mr Gifford sent me. You and Newell can appreciate this. I threatened to send it to the "Numismatist". Gifford illustrated the last line most graphically.

Mr Salles sent me a most complete account of that Cross, which we could not locate, I call it the "Auspice stella" It is the Order of the Constellation du Sud, founded about 1869-70 by Orllie-Antoine I. who styled himself King of Araucania, South America. When I hear from M. Babelon about the others, we might have sufficient data for a monograph on "Unofficial Orders", There are several.

Today I had a letter from Clement Platt, telling me about the same as you did of those two Napoleonic medals, which had the attachments added, then silvered. As to the Arctic Medal, he felt that was most rare and interesting. It was a decoration given by the Duc d'Orleans, the pretender to France, as Philippe VII. to the guests and crew of the yacht Marroussia which made the expedition towards the North pole in 1905.

Platt gave some of his information, rather grudgingly I thought. He said they had a lot of trouble looking up "Official" pieces, and he could not spare much time on the unofficial ones. I felt a little uncalled for, after I had bought about 12,000 fcs worth from him. He absolutely ignored two questions I asked, about books on the subject.

Kindest regards,

Harold S. Tillingham



May 20th, 1921

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter of May 18th enclosing  
supplementary notes for the French Detor-  
tions article as well as the 'penn' re-  
ceived.

I am glad that you obtained some good  
information from my friend M. Willes, and  
am sorry that Clement Platt feels over-  
rushed with work when it comes to answer-  
ing questions.

Nothing new or remarkable here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

June 11th, 1921

Mr. W. H. Gillingham, Esq.  
Bridge-Gate  
Holicong P.O.  
Sucks Co., Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I feel sure that the decorations, or rather  
insignia of the Civil Engineers will not inter-  
est you.

We have not the Catalogue which I mentioned in  
my letter which you mention in your letter, and  
we are very anxious to have it for our library.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/S



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
423 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

6th. July 1921

Mr Howland Wood.  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
156th. St ' Broadway.  
New York City.

Dear Mr Wood.

If you do not already possess one, or would like a copy of the Medal presented to John Wanamaker, on the completion of his Sixty Years as a Merchant, Address a letter to Mr. Rodman Wanamaker--at the New York Store--and say that one of your members, saw in the possession of Mr. Robert M. Coyle of Philadelphia, a bronze copy of this medal. Ask for one for the Society's cabinets, as a gift, and say that if payment is necessary, you will of course be willing to pay a reasonable sum for it. I will then pay for it, if you have to, but he should be willing to present one to a Public Museum, and besides which you might be able to get him as a member.

Rodman Wanamaker is at present in Europe--I believe--but his Secretary should be able to give the necessary attention to such a request.

With Kindest regards, to your own good self and all the Staff, I am,

Cordially yours,

I suppose Mr Noe will be back with you in a couple of months.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O.  
BUCKS CO., PENNA.

22 July 1921

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

My Dear Mr Wood.

Will you drop me a line when you expect Mr.  
Noe to return to his desk. Has the Society the following  
books in its Library.

"La Legion d'Honneur et les Decorations Francaises " by  
Charles-Mendel 1911

" Catalogue of "Decorations, medailles, monnaies et Cachets  
du Musee de l'Armee " Paris 1912 published by J. Leroy & Co.

If you do not have these, and Mr Noe has not bought them, I  
will gladly present them to the Society, as I have had extra  
copies sent me. With kind regards to all,

Sincerely .

Harrold E. Gillingham



July 26th, 1921.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate",  
Holicong P. O.,  
Bucks Co., Penn.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

Your favor just at hand. Noe writes me that he is sailing on the 24th of August on a nine day ship so counting for a day or so delay he should be here during the first week of September.

Neither of the two books that you mention do we have in the library, namely

La Legion d'Honneur . . . by Charles-Medel. 1911.  
Catalogue of Decorations, . . . in the Musee de l'Armee.  
1912.

Nor do I find that Mr. Noe has mentioned these in any of his lists as having bought.

I am sending you, under separate cover, Ordres de Chevalerie autorisane en France by Daquin. This has just come from abroad, with a request from Mr. Noe to send it on to you.

We have been having very hot wether here, and there does not seem to be much of any relief in sight.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Holicong, Bucks County, Penna.

7 August 1921

Mr Howland Wood.

American Numismatic Society.

New York.

Dear Mr Wood.

I have yours of the 3rd, and note all you say. I fail to see why it is impossible to show two sides of a medal on the same page, provided of course they can be arranged in the space. However I leave that to you. I am a great believer in illustrations. Your most interesting Notes and Monographs are those where the illustrations are complete and where they follow the text. But I know you are bound by peculiar restrictions in the printing.

As to the list you sent I, personally, would prefer every one of those mentioned, and more too. Some are of such a size that I feel they can be put, two on a page. That would allow us more pages of illustrations, and still keep within a limit, which I assume you have.

I fail to find any authority, description or record of the Canonical Cross of St. Denis, Napoleon" What is it? I have described the Westphalia Royal Order, or Order of the Crown. Also the Murat Service medal 1809. I do not have the Numismatist of December 1917 here- it is in Germantown- But I have a specimen of the "Eagle" as described on page 33.

I enclose herewith two additional sheets, to be inserted in pages 30 & 47 as noted. Will you be good enough to include them, where they belong.

When do you wish me to send on the Pieces to be illustrated? If you do not expect to bring my rattle out until December, will you want the pieces now, or sometime in October. My reason for asking this, is that I have them all packed up, as I told you I would, when I came to the farm, but of course if you wish them now, I will get them out and bring them over myself and talk to you about them or ship them by express, which ever you prefer. You know I do not mean to dictate in any manner, about the method of illustration.

Very truly yours,

Harold S. Tillinghame



August 2nd, 1911

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Holicong, Bucks Co. Pa.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

Some of the medals can go two on a page, or obverse and reverse. I do not, however, want to make the page look overcrowded - and yet showing one on a page makes it appear 'under-used'. Naturally I would like to get as many illustrations as possible on as few pages as possible. Suppose you draw up your list in this fashion -

Give me the different medals which you would like illustrated and indicate those which you think should have both sides shown, and those which you wish to have both sides shown. Those you do not indicate, therefore, would show but the one side.

Mark in a certain way those which must be shown and those which can be left out if we have to do so.

If you wish, you could make three grades of desires, and then later when I have had them photographed, I would be able to lay them out and see just how many I can include. Of course I want to get as many in as possible.

It will be soon enough to take up the matter I think when you get back in October so do not go to any trouble until you are home again.

Very truly yours,

Curtis

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

1st. November 1921

American Numismatic Society

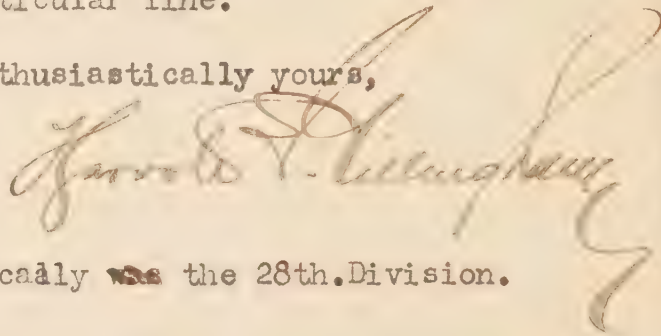
New York City.

Gentlemen.

The enclosed medal is "just out", and has not yet been distributed to the men of the 28th, Division. This is Pennsylvania's recognition of the discharged Officers and enlisted men who were enrolled in the National Guard, on or prior to August 5 1917.

I take pleasure in presenting it to you for the cabinets, and trust you will soon have additional space to show all you have in that particular line.

Enthusiastically yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written over the typed name and extends downwards and to the right.

these men made  
I should add, that ~~xxx~~ practically ~~was~~ the 28th. Division.



November 4th, 1921

Harold L. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West 113rd Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I beg to thank you very much for the Pennsylvania National Guard medal. It is the best State medal of the series, and perhaps the best medal of all. The New York State medal is an absolutely rotten thing.

I trust some way will be found to provide extra swings for our Decorations. We certainly do need them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HM/E

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

13th. November 1921

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Have you in the Society's cabinets, any coins of the Counts of Savoy, which date prior to 1310. ?

If so will you tell me if the Savoy cross appears on them, and the letters F.E.R.T.

See Lawrence-Archer's "Orders of Chivalry" page 131. N.B. This note throws a new light on a matter which several authorities have heretofore agreed upon.

If you do not have any of these coins, perhaps you have some illustrations thereof, which you can readily refer to.

I dislike to trouble you, but feel you are the only one who can assist me readily on this matter.

Cordially yours,


*Harrold E. Gillingham*



121 coins of Savoy with FERT  
were anonymous coins of  
the 14th cent.

Amedeo VIII 1391-1449 first to use FERT

First coins with Savoy cross

Thus  Amedeo V 1285-1323  
Crosses before then were  
like crosses of the age, like



November 15th, 1921

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have looked up in the King of Italy's book, which is the last word on Savoyard coins, and this is all I have learned -

The first coins of Savoy with FERT were anonymous coins of the 14th Century. Amedeus VIII, 1391 - 1449, was the first to use FERT.

The first coins with Savoy cross, thus: were used by Amedeus V, 1285 - 1323.

Crosses before then were like crosses of the Age, thus:

Very truly yours,

*See our entry under FERT  
Schickel's book in his  
not bearing the acknowledgment  
Amp under FERT. That is  
first appeared on the first  
of Louis Thomas of Savoy  
died in 1323*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE ST.  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

20 December 1921

Mr. Worland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Have you any information, regarding new Orders or War Medals, issued during 1921 which should be included in the report of the Committee, of which I happen to be Chairman. "Orders, Insignia and War Medals"

Mr Belden suggested that the Committee make a strong plea in their report, for the new cases, in which to house the additions to the Society's collection. I quite agree with him. When Committees suggest such things, they bring more attention sometimes, than reports to the Board. If you have your estimates as to cost, and it would not be out of place to furnish me with the same, would you be kind enough to include that also in your note of reply, that I may bring it before the attention of the Society, at the Annual Meeting.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

December 27th, 1921

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I really have no done but what you have concerning new war medals. You might, however, say something on the Victory medal if you are so inclined.

Belgium, England and Portugal have officially issued their Victory medals; France has not yet got hers out officially, but, as I understand it, an exact facsimile has been supplied privately. We also have a miniature of the Greek Victory medal, and presumably the official one is out. Up to date, I do not know of any other countries having issued theirs. The slight touch on the fact that our collection has been brought about by the generosity of others - that of institutions, foreign as well as our own, and individuals have made this collection what it is.

I have received various bids for the swing cases running from \$130 to \$175 for each group of three swings. We absolutely need four of these groups and should have eight of them, thereby filling each of the four sides of the columns, of which two sides only of each column have cases. I would stress these new cases in your report.

I am enclosing two letters from Clifford concerning certain ideas he has in mind - possibly, you know all about these. I have just shown them to Dr. Nelson, and he thinks if the Committee mentions these at the Annual Meeting, it would be to the point. However, I am leaving this entirely up to you.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE ST.  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

28th. December 1921

Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society

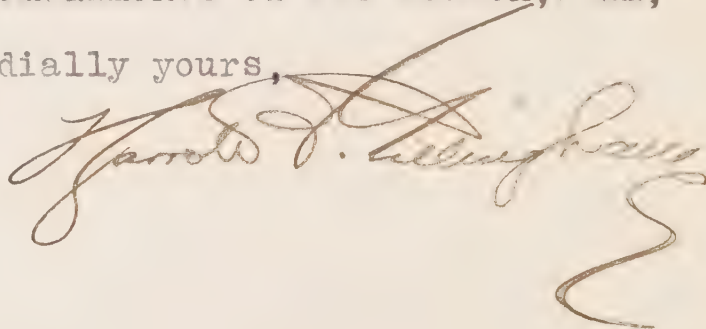
My Dear Mr. Wood.

I thank you for your letter of the 27th. regarding certain medals etc. I also note the two letters from Mr. Gifford, -addressed to Mr. Hoe--which you sent me. I approve of his suggestion and shall mention the subject in my report.

With Mr. Hoe's permission, I will keep these letters for a few days, to get the full subject, in the report, in a proper manner.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

30 December 1921

Dear Mr. Wood.

Will you please tell me how many accessions to the Cabinets we had during 1921, in War Medals, Decorations and Insignia. Also how many pieces were added to them, by Mr. Saltus, in that Central European group he presented.

Have you any record of new issues other than the British, Portuguese and Panama Victory Medals?

I return the Gifford letters you sent me. I think his suggestions excellent and wrote him to prepare a suitable resolution to present to the Annual Meeting. I hope he gets there.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*I shall make a plea in my report  
for Cabinet Drawing as a  
Decoration.*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

1 January 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

Here are two medals for your cabinets. I do not think you have them. Will you please give me your opinion as to the correctness of the two authorities. The ticket with the Roman medal came with it.

The "Vessillo di Vittoria 1848" medal is given by Fadiglione in your new book "Motti etc." on page 53- third from bottom- as Medal for the Venetian Independance. It seems so, from the Lion of St Mark. Yet Venice was not independent in 1848.

Now turn to the Catalogue, Musée de l'Armée, by Sculfort, He says for K a 1791 page 174 it is the Medal for Vittoria, Sicily. and given to the troops who took part against Ferdinand II.

I am inclined towards the Italian, yet the date puzzles me. As long as I bother you to help me out in this, I will give you these medals for the cabinets.

Please let me have your views.

With wishes for a Happy New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

January 3rd, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter received and enclosing Gifford's letters.  
I was very glad to get them back as Gifford seems especially anxious that we get immediate action. I do not know how we can do this as it is a question of policy and it is up to the Council.

Again, what can we really do? Of course, the Society could back someone. But, what? None of us is the building class or have sufficient knowledge to pass as an authority. And if the Society would do anything, they would have to go outside for someone. All I can think of is either you or Gifford.

We have added to our collection during 1921 -

- 38 Miscellaneous U.S. badges, chiefly World War. Badges given by cities.
- 276 Foreign Orders and War badges.
- 272 of these U.S. and foreign decorations were given by Saltus. The German lot has been described 177 pieces of German, Austrian, Belgian and English.

During the year we have received the American and Cross medals for valour, in silver and bronze. . .  
Salvation Army medals for officers and men.  
The Belgian Government has sent us the Military Cross, 1st and 2nd Class. Croix de Guerre, Decoration Militaire, 1st and 2nd class. Victory Medal, Year Medal and Kenneville Commemorative.  
The English Government has sent us 1914 Star, 1914-5 Star, British War medal, Victory medal and Merchant Marine medal.



Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.

January 3rd, 1911

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The Portuguese Government has sent us the Croix de Guerre,  
Victory Medal and the Grunation badge for the World War.

Other new medals we have received.

La Colissima of Spain, the Medals of Guerra of Italy - that  
is, the one from captured cannon, and the French Croix  
de Guerre for Overseas Service.

You might mention in your report that you are especially  
interested in building up for our collection, the medals issued  
by States, cities, towns, etc. to those who took part in the World  
War.

Very truly yours,

H.E.G.

January 5th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your two letters at hand. I beg to thank you  
for your two donations.

I have not exhaustively looked up the little  
medal of 1848, but I see no reason why it is not  
Venice because it was a Republic in 1848, and coins  
were issued so stated. The coins of 1849 are  
inscribed "Provisional Government"; then in the next  
few years it again became part of Austria. If I  
find anything more, I will drop you a line.

Many thanks for the clipping of the Stokowski  
medal, and I trust that we shall receive one of these.  
If we do, I certainly will acknowledge receipt of it.

I am enclosing several more folders.

Very truly yours,

WV/1  
Encs.



February 7th, 1922.

Harold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

Some day when you are in to J. K. Davison's place, would you mind asking them if they have any baiges for States, cities or other organizations to be given to World War or Mexican Border Service veterans. If so, maybe you could persuade them to part with any of those they might have on hand.

As you may know, we have been especially interested in collecting these. I am writing you rather than to Davison as they know you probably to their sorrow better than they do us.

I heard from Salles the other day for the first time in sometime. He states the French Victory Medal official would be out very shortly now.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

21 Febrary 1922

Mr. Howland Wood.  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I have seen Davison. They made but two medals for Cities. Frank Davison is going to look them up and see if he has any duplicates left. He is ashamed of them. On account of the workmanship. But I said they could not be as bad as some you had. If I can get them, will send them over.

Thank Mr. Noe for the roll of prints he sent me, please. I too had a nice letter from Salles, which I answered. He has aided me in that Melusine hunt. I sent him a new Peace Dollar, for his collection. Is he a member of the A.N.S. and does he get our publications ?

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Harrold E. Gillingham, is written over the typed name and extends across the bottom right of the page.



February 18th, 1922

Harold L. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Mr. Noe is laid up with tonsillitis so I will do my best to answer the questions in your letters addressed to him.

I doubt if more than one print of the Indian portrait is required; this probably is for Mr. Belden, and if more prints are wanted, they could be easily obtained. He will doubtless write you on the matter.

We will look after the binding of the fifteen copies of French Decorations for you, and note that you wish to have three copies bound in half-torocco and the remaining twelve in cloth. We expect to receive the unbound copies from the printer this week.

I supposed that you knew the approximate price of the swings. Well, here goes! Each group of three, (as three are a best national together as the cost), will cost anything from \$130 to \$175. Either four or eight groups are needed, filling all four sides of the columns.

We are enclosing the translation from Padiglione's book and also from Frost as you requested, and hope same is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

H/L  
1922

432 West -rice Street

Philadelphia

1 March 1922

Mr. Howland Wood  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 156th. Street  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I appreciate your writing me on the 28th. in answer to my letters to Mr. Noe. Especially for your translations regarding the Grey-Town Decoration. I had no intention of trespassing upon your valuable and well occupied time. Nor did I intend that Mr. Noe should bother with this if occupied with other important work. It certainly is good to know that you two are such "Johnnie on the spot" men, with correspondence. It is that manner which makes it so pleasant for all coming in contact with the staff of the A.N.S. Many thanks for your reply.

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter to Mr. Noe. Please remail it to his apartment. I have not the address. I am greived to learn of his illness. The letter in question is one of sympathy and advice. Good men are scarce, they MUST take care of themselves.

Shall order the photograph of the Indian portrait today, and may possibly bring it over with me next week.

Cordially yours,

Garrett A. Hough

March 29th, 1932

Harvold W. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The owner of the Decorations which you selected  
sent here yesterday, and accepted your offer of Six  
Dollars (\$6.00). This I said him, and you can re-  
imburse me at your convenience. Shall I send these  
pieces to you or mail them here until you come again?  
I shall be glad to do whichever you wish.

Very truly yours,

HW/E



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

39 March 1922

Mr. Howland Wood.  
New York.  
Dear Mr Wood.

Many thanks for your letter of the 29th. about those European decorations. I enclose check to your order for the \$6.00 and thank you for your attention to the matter. Keep them until I return to N.Y. I want to get over very soon, -in fact I want to be there daily.

Did you receive the Campaign medal of France from Salles ? I received one today. Fortunately my description thereof is correct, but I neglected to give the color or design of the ribbon. I trust no one will discover my oversight. That man, Salles in my estimation is a mighty fine chap, and I thank you for giving me his address. I liked him too, when I met him in 1920, and have corresponded with him a lot, receiving much valuable information.

Did the American Journal of Numismatics, ever publish a list of the Treaty Medals of the U.S. (after 1776) ? While not wishing to steal any of Mr. Belden's possible thunder, I want a little information of them, in order of issuance, for a talk before our Historical Society of Penna. some time later on. Some are in the Hayden collection, which I believe is in Wilkes-Barre, and I do not want to go there just to see them, unless I can find more out than I have been able to pick up in Betts, the Hunter Catalogue etc. Have they ever been written up, in sequence ?

What do you know of this medal, - a rubbing of which is englosed- ? It is a hand chased silver medal, evidently to a liveryman, or for one. Is it an English license badge ? I will probably have it photographed and send to Alan of London, to find out about, if you cannot help me.

Sincerely yours, *Harrold E. Gillingham*

March 31st, 1921

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter at hand, and many thanks for cheque. I got the Campaign medal from Salles. The day following a letter from him stated that he had sent one to you. He is a most desirable correspondent; a very earnest and steady man with a lot of knowledge on all sorts of things that cannot be sneezed at.

I do not know of anything on the Indian Peace medals unless fragmentary notices which have come out in the Journal. All of us here, including Selden, have been gathering notes on these, but the day of final reckoning and publishing seems to be as remote as ever.

If you should see the Hayden collection, try to make careful notes of what he has, especially in the Colonial and early Presidentials.

The medal of which you send a rubbing is evidently the badge of one of the City of London Companies of Freemen; the members are known as liverymen. There are books on these, and I think it would be an easy matter to trace up this badge by the Arms.

Very truly yours,

Hm/E

April 15th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

According to our records it is stated that  
have issued medals to the World War Veterans  
are as follows:

Delaware	New York
Dist. of Columbia	North Carolina
Missouri	Oregon
Montana	Pennsylvania
New Hampshire	Rhode Island
New Jersey	Wyoming

Ohio - to come.

Very truly yours,

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April 22nd, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing a letter from our Vienna Sales,  
simply for your information. Also, a rubbing of the  
new French medal given to victims of the German inva-  
sion, together with a copy of the governmental decree  
awarding this.

Very truly yours,

HG/E  
Encs

Rich Perry  
Livery  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 1 1761



## MINISTÈRE DES RÉGIONS LIBÉRÉES

Le Président de la République française. Sur le rapport du président du conseil, ministre des affaires étrangères, et du ministre des régions libérées.

### Décète:

Art. 1<sup>er</sup>. Il est créé une médaille dite "des victimes de l'invasion" destinée à remercier et à distinguer les otages de la guerre, les personnes déportées hors de France, emprisonnées par l'ennemi ou condamnées à un travail forcé.

Art. 2. La médaille des victimes de l'invasion est conférée par décret.

Art. 3. Les projets de décret portant nomination sont soumis à l'examen préalable d'une commission, siégeant au ministère des régions libérées, et dont les membres sont nommés par arrêté du ministre des régions libérées.

Art. 4. La médaille des victimes de l'invasion, comprend trois classes; elle est du module de 30 mm. de diamètre et de vermeil pour la 1<sup>re</sup> classe, d'argent pour la deuxième classe, de bronze pour la troisième classe. Elle porte sur l'une des faces l'inscription "Aux victimes de l'invasion, la France reconnaissante, 1914-1918". Le modèle de la médaille et la disposition du ruban feront l'objet d'un décret spécial.

Art. 5. Les titulaires sont autorisés à porter la médaille suspendue à un ruban conforme au type officiel; ce ruban est simple pour la médaille de bronze et d'argent; il porte, pour la médaille de vermeil, une rosette dont le diamètre sera fixé par le décret prévu à l'article 4.

Art. 6. Les titulaires reçoivent un diplôme constatant la distinction dont ils ont été l'objet.

Art. 7. Le président du conseil, ministre des affaires étrangères et le ministre des régions libérées, sont chargés, chacun en ce qui le concerne, de l'exécution du présent décret, qui sera inséré au Journal officiel et publié au Bulletin des lois.

Fait à Paris, le 30 juin 1921

A. Millerand

Par le Président de la République:  
Le président du conseil  
ministre des affaires étrangères,  
ARISTIDE BRIAND

Le ministre des régions libérées:  
LOUCHEUR

(Copies from Journal officiel de la République française, July 4, 1921)



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

24 April 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

I thank you for the consideration shown, in sending me Salles' letter, and impression of the newest medal. I was fortunate in receiving one last week from him. For which I have written a letter of appreciation. Yes! it is a shame that this, as well as the Commemorative medal of the War did not arrive in time to show in the recent Notes. But then there is always something turning up at the last minute. We cannot be expected to stay up to date.

I like his criticisms, but do not agree with him on the question of the Medal of 1849 and Croix de Montana. Had he carefully read the text he would have seen they were ~~Italian~~ created, and awarded to Frenchmen. Some authorities class them accordingly among the French. see Martin p.34 for Mentane. The Musee de l'Armee Likewise class the Orders created by Napoleon's brothers under French. I say in my text they were ~~so~~ created. When it comes to that, it is an open question, <sup>to me</sup> if the Crown of Italy is French or Italian. Napoleon's being chief of Italy did not make Italy French at that time. However, we cannot please all. It has started something, and maybe we can get more works on this subject.

Perhaps Noe would like to stir Salles up to writing a Monograph on the French Colonial Orders and Medals. If so I should suggest that he include all, whether they can be worn in France or not. If they come from French Colonies.

Why? If the Black Star of Benin is Colonial, was it given to American soldiers who were never in Benin?

I return Salles' letter and thank you for it.

Cordially yours,



April 25th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

As yet we have not one of the medals  
commemorating the visit of the Prince of  
Wales to India; consequently, as I note one  
may be had for the asking, I am immediately  
taking the opportunity of dropping you this  
line.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

26 April 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

You can use these small photographs to show  
the reverse of the French Medal, which Salles sent you.  
I had it taken to send to Duffield.

Here is a reverse photo of the Prince of Wales  
Visit to India medal,

Sincerely yours,



*Wain*



April 26th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I sent you Salles' letter without comment because in reading it over I saw that he had not hurriedly read through your article, as, for the most part, you had clearly explained why you had included certain decorations. Salles did not say the Black Star of Benin was strictly Colonial as it was given out through the French Government. Also, I think I have heard - or I think you told me, that in the past few years it was at times given out as a French decoration.

We did not receive a single bid we did for in Glendinning's sale; they went for twice what we offered. I am absolutely dumfounded and aghast at the prices the three Presidential medals brought in England.

Johnson, of the St. Louis Coin & Stamp Co., has just returned from England and he tells me that there is a very keen interest for decorations in Europe. And there is one collector, if not more, in England who is buying everything in sight. Johnson said that this man alone had nearly cleaned out Brink. If this goes on, I shall begin to think that Gillingham, Saltus, Selden, Smith and Gifford were pretty wise birds getting in on the ground floor in the way they did. Now, if this demand gets intensive, we shall have to be more than ever on the lookout for fakes.

I cannot think what the number can be on the edge of your medal no. 261, unless it was the serial number of those given out.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

April 29th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
438 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt  
of the two photographs as well as the  
medal commemorating the visit of the  
Prince of Wales to India. Thank you  
very much for these.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

May 13th, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

In compliance with your wish for the names  
of some Spanish bookdealers, I am glad to send  
you the following -

Casa Editorial Calleja  
Valencia 28  
Madrid, Spain

Editorial "Mundo Latino"  
Plaza del Orion, No.1  
Madrid, Spain

Asociacion Espanola de Promotores, Libreros y  
Amigos del Libro  
Calle Luis Velez de Guevara 10  
Madrid, Spain

Libreria Americana  
San Isidro 3  
Madrid, Spain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

24 May 1922

Mr. Howland Wood

Curator.  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I have just heard from the American Consul General at Tangier, Morocco, (Mr. J. M. Denning ) the following. "With respect to the desire of the American Numismatic Society of New York to add to its collection, specimens of Moroccan Orders and Decorations. I would suggest that the appropriate course to be followed with this end in view, is for the Society to address the French Ambassador in Washington, as, in transmitting such a request to his Government for reference to the appropriate authorities in Morocco, he would be in position to accompany it by information showing the purpose and standing of the Society and the character of the Public Museum in which the specimens are to be displayed."

Inasmuch as the French Ambassador is a member of the Society, I should think that a well worded request to him for the Orders and Decorations of Morocco, would receive a favourable recommendation to the French authorities.

I will now have to leave the matter in your hands, as my request, has not brought forth the desired result.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

May 31, 1915

Marshall C. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Did I let you have some time ago the correspondence and the rules and regulations of the American Field Service which were sent to me by Mr. Gillingham. I cannot find them now. As I will leave soon, probably the first of next week, and you return the account of the Marine Corps Brevet medal, will you make a notation to have the correspondence in my desk? I know it is not out but I am sure it is in my absence.

Many thanks for the information concerning the Morocco route. I am sorry that you were out of luck in trying to get there.

In the Decoration Parade yesterday, I noted a number of our men wearing the French Commemorative medal with the red and white stripes.

Very truly yours,

W/C

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

1 June 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

These are the only papers you gave me, and I hasten to return them, that you may put them away as you desire. Many thanks for them.

I feel you are going to have an easy time at the Hospital, and hope for your sake that all goes well and you recover much quicker than you anticipate. The operation is an easy one and you will soon be crowing over the rest of us, who never had it.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*I do not think you gave me the  
Field Service Correspondence I think I  
merely had the address. I shall  
however search further.*



June 2nd, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for the return of the Marine Corps dope. I wrote you as well as one or two others concerning the Field Service correspondence as it simply disappeared from my files, and I know I have at various times sent it away to different people.

Some time next week I expect to have my "party" - that is, when an available place is ready for me in the hospital.

Very truly yours, . . . . .

EE/1

June 3rd, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

In response to my letter to the French Ambassador,  
G. Borel, Secretary, whose name follows:

"In reply to your letter you addressed  
to the French Ambassador, on May 31st,  
I beg to inform you that you may secure  
the Orders mentioned by you at Kretly  
at Cie., 30 rue Montpensier, Paris."

It looks as if we would get no true graft out of this.

Very truly yours,

November 22nd, 1912

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We still have Ricciardo's book, and I am having it sent to you; I much doubt if you really want this. If you find that you don't, just send it back.

Many thanks for your "few kind words" concerning the Commemorative Coinage. The only good thing that I can say about it is that it is on a popular subject. Personally, I think that its printing is the chief quality!

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Curator



432 West Price Street Philadelphia

30 November 1922

Mr. Howland Wood.

New York

Dear Mr. Wood.

Many thanks for the two Ricciardi books. I am returning them tomorrow by parcels post. I thought they were different, after reading a description. It was good of you to suggest that I return them. They are not in my line. Though I did find one or two things in them, which confirmed records I have.

Here is an envelope, returned to me, from Madrid, Spain. This is for a letter I wrote a short time ago. I believe you gave me the name of this dealer in numismatic material. He evidently has flown to parts unknown, as my letter of Aug. last came back. You can mark them off your list.

Now to the Italian Orders- That of the Sacred Annunciation. Look in Lawrence Archer's book. page 131 the Note regarding F E R T . Have you any record of coins of Savoy prior to 1315 which show the letters FERT ??? He refers to coins of 1223 etc. Does the King of Italy's book show any ? Elias Ashmole<sup>e</sup>, an English writer in 1715 speaks of these coins of the coins of Peter of Savoy, which have in Gothic type "fert!"

I have an indistinct recollection that Mr. Noe and I looked up this matter, in the King's book, but have no note of it. Several authorities differ as to the meaning of FERT. I want to get the correct significance, or that most generally adopted. My Guistinian book, published in 1692 says it refers to the Rhodes incident, and one would suppose an Italian authority was correct. You have, I believe, Armani's book. He does not give the meaning I think.

Will you be good enough to advise me regarding the Kingscoins.

I hope I am not giving you much trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Harold L. Thompson

*How many subscriptions  
have you for the coming  
year?*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

1st. December 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

Sorry to bother you so soon again. I have had a query from Charleston, S.C. about BETROTHAL MEDALS and I have never met such animals. Did you ever hear of a booklet by Robert Thiells called "The story of the Token" ? And can you advise me where I can get the enquiring lady to hunt for her desired information.

She thinks the Quakers gave Betrothal Medals or Tokens. I never heard of any except the Huguenots or German Lutherans using them years and years ago. Imagine the plain sedate Quakers getting so gay as to present tokens of their betrothal ??? Whew ! but some of them would turn in their graves to think of such a thing.

Any information you can give me, which will aid a lady historian of Charleston - whom by the way I never heard of before - will be duly passed on.

Cordially yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

December 6th, 1922.

Mr. Harrold B. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

I am afraid I can not help you out very much on Retrothal Medals. It seemed to be a common custom in Europe about three hundred years ago, and I think the French Mint today has stock dies, copies from which any one can get. This is all that I know about them.

We have two editions of Robert Shiells book. They have to do with the Communion tokens.

The two Ricciardi books at hand, and I am very glad that you sent them back as long as you do not want them.

About all I can give you as the FERT is what I wrote you on November 16th, 1921, namely the first coins of Savoy with FERT were anonymous coins of the 14th Century. Amedeus VIII, 1501 - 1550, was the first to use this on his coins. I think there is more or less of a coin of this device in Mrs. Bury Palliser's Poek on "Historic Devices".

Schlieskyesen in his "Erklaerung der Abkuerzungen" says under FERT, that it first appeared on the tomb of Count Thomas of Savoy who died in 1232.

We have four hundred dollars already paid in and another hundred promised on the cases. I am having two others figure on the job.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

My Dear Mr. Wood.

14 December 1922

I learn from the worthy President, that ~~we~~ are to have an Annual Meeting on the 13th. of January next. I have little information for a report as to the new War-medals and Decorations which have been inaugurated during this year. Can you advise me what the Society has received, and what new ones have been created. Please, some time when you have a few moments of spare time (?) give me a pointer or two, for my report.

Sorry to have to bother you when your hands are so full.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

December 16th, 1922.

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
422 West Third Street,  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

Your letter of the 14th just received. I do not know that very many new war medals have been issued this year. I really have not kept posted on this phase. As far as I have been able to learn there have been 8 countries which have issued Victory medals, and we have all of these.

United States	France	England	Belgium
Roumania	Greece	Portugal	Czecho-Slovakia

I have just thought of this that might be a good subject to base your report upon, namely, the foreign decorations that have been conferred on Americans since the war. How you can get at the ordinary civilians, I do not know, but both the Army and the Navy departments have drawn up lists. You might write to both of these though I do not know whether they have as yet gotten the list in printed form or not.

One of our members, De Witt Clinton Falls, 449 Park Avenue, New York, whom you have met, is going to issue a book authorized by this Government on this subject. Whether he would want to give you the complete information is a question. You might write him outlining this idea stating that I suggested it, and asking what he is willing to do.

I can get prepared for you later the number of decorations we received during the year, but this does not make very valuable reading. Of course you have to mention Mr. Salus, and a red hot report about the need of new cases.

I have had a letter printed in typewritten form regarding these cases, and it is now up to Mr. Newell to put his signature to some 600 of these.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

Curator.



32 West Price Street  
Philadelphia

20th. December 1922

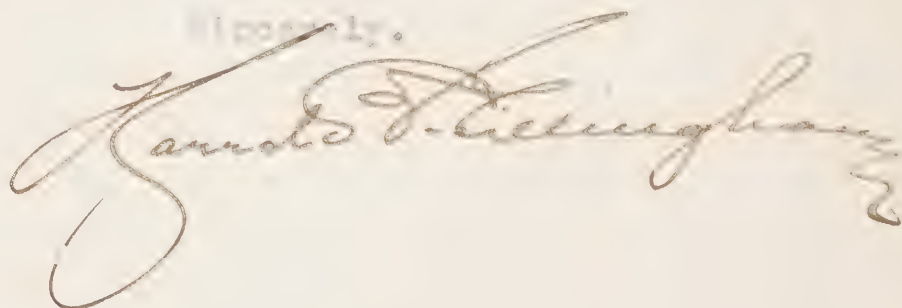
Dear Mr. Wood.

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th. I shall write to Mr. Falls regarding the suggestion of yours. The Victory Medals have been mentioned, I believe in previous reports. The need for the new cases was reported last year and not a peep came from any member. ~~May~~ it will be wise to report the result of that appealing letter of the President regarding subscriptions. I wonder if the worthy Gentleman has forgiven me for making him sign 600 letters? Hope so anyway.

I do want to have our Committee report, cover subjects which are not mentioned by the Curator. There is no use repeating the receipt of pieces.

Good luck and a Happy Christmas to you and yours,

Sincerely,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "James D. Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

December 21st, 1922

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I saw Colonel Falls last night and outlined to him what he might supply you toward that report. In other words, I prepared him in case you wrote him. We thought that the information for the report might be in the nature of an abstract rather than detailed, so as not to take the thunder out of the publication when it comes out. Also, I suggested to him that you might publish this information in one of our small forms.

The letters for the swing-cases are now going out. I received a hard blow yesterday when Mr. Reilly informed me that the \$100, which I thought Mr. Scoville gave for the swing-cases, was in reality his \$100 toward the deficit!

Very truly yours,

HW/E

January 27th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have looked your manuscript over with much interest and I think I have gained more information that I am able to give you.

You will see a notation to the effect as to why not mention the Lord Baltimore medals which, I understand, were given to Indians.

I have had here for some time, a Queen Anne medal which, I think, came from New York State, very much battered and with a large hole in it. This, undoubtedly, is one of the medals you mention on page 3.

I am sorry that I cannot help you out with illustrations on the Gilmore, Wearn and Butler medals. We did have photographs but somebody borrowed them and never returned them.

You will notice that I have changed the ribbon of the Meritorious Service and one of the other Naval ribbons. You have them blue instead of red. I have also made some changes on page 30.

By this you will see that I was hardly able to pick any flaws in your manuscript. If you like, you can let this letter go as a diplom.

Very truly yours,



February 3rd, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter at hand, and I certainly am sorry to learn that you have been laid up again. I had thought that you had arrived at sufficient years of discretion to know that this is not done in the best regulated families!

When you come up to the Council meeting on Friday I will, at least, give you part of your manuscript to look over again. How much I will be able to get done this coming week, I do not know as we shall have a batch of proof of the Proceedings staring us in the face the next few days, and this confounded Sculpture Exhibition is almost getting me dippy!

Very truly yours,

HW/E

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

Mr. Howland Wood

4 March 1923

American Numismatic Society.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Will you go over this list, and see how many of the plaques, listed herewith, the American Numismatic Society have in their cabinets. And advise me, by the time I come over for the Council meeting, next week. Also when do you think you will have the new swing cases in and re-arranged.

Please keep the list, as it is the only one I have.

Trusting your vacation did you lots of good, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

Dear Mr.Wood.

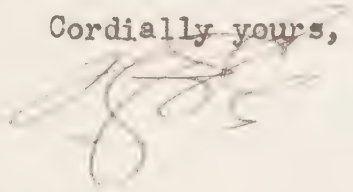
23rd.March 1923

Can you find time,to write officially to the President of ANDORRA,and ask him what Decoration he is shown to be wearing,in the enclosed photograph ? I was going to write,but thought a letter coming from an Officer of the Society,might bring more information,and incidentally might bring a specimen for our cabinet. Try it anyway !!!!!

You might send him the picture,to enlighten him,and then gently hint for a specimen.

Hope you are not too rushed !

Cordially yours,







**NEATH THIS ADMIRAL'S COCKADE** is President Buen-  
adventura of Andorra, the  
smallest republic in the world,  
that lies high up in the Py-  
renees and boasts a population  
of but 2,000.

*Wide World*

March 27th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have been making some headway with your manuscript, and I think that when you next come here, we shall be over to go over approximately the photographs needed for the illustrations of your monograph.

I will frame up a letter for the President of Inderra and mail him for his medal. I feel confident that this is no decoration, but a badge of office.

We have just received the receipted bill from Glendinning accepting our cheque. Have you heard from him? If not, let us remember to take the matter up when you are next here.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

30 March 1923

Dear Mr. Wood.

A letter from Gifford, in talking of Loyal Legion insignia brought forth something else. I quote -

"John Paulding Meade, whose daughter I know, was high in the Marine Corps and who was also a lineal descendant of John P. who pinched Andre. His neice has the ORIGINAL John Paulding medal, awarded by Congress, NOW hear the Chairman of the Medal Committee of the A N S holler " !!! "Tis so nevertheless ".

Now what do you know about that ? I have to keep quiet, but it would be interesting to see that Neice's ORIGINAL medal, nevertheless. Is the Society's ORIGINAL or merely original.?

Glendining said nothing to me about having received my subscription to your priced catalogues. We will have to have some one ask him, this summer, or perhaps you might write and ask that your payment be returned or applied to another Years subs.

Hope to get over to next Council meeting.

Sincerely

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

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April 2nd, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The newspaper clipping was certainly a bit of news, though I cannot say that I was surprised.

I think since Compurette's death, the Government has been up against it in getting a Curator for the Cabinet as no one would want to go there on the pay offered. Also, history has shown that European cabinets of coins in mints have never amounted to much of anything scientifically. The mint collections, for the most part, have been an exhibition aggregation showing current money to illustrate the art of coining, with enough mediaeval and ancient pieces to make the collection educational. The rarer pieces for students are generally in the National collection, either in some museum or library. We, here, have often thought of the matter, and have felt that the science would be better off with the bulk of the collection at the National Museum where a start has already been made. I would like to talk this matter over with you the next time you come up for a Council meeting.

The John Paulding medal now looks like a 3-fold mystery. All I can say is, where are we at?

Very truly,

HW/E

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

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Dear Mr Wood

In Spirit's, March 1930  
Munich. Circular, look at

# 17306 and 17307 -

Have you these in the library?  
Do they include war medals?

I will order them if you  
have them not, I would like them  
Yours truly

H. E. Gillingham

May 9th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have both of Medina's books in our library. One of them contains a few of the early War medals but I think there is not enough in this book to warrant purchasing it, and we beg to thank you very much indeed for your kindly thought of adding these books to our library had we not already got them.

I have now reached as far as Tuscany in your manuscript and I will try to finish it by the time you come here on Friday.

We have received a very lengthy and interesting letter from Mr. Noe, who seems to have spent a great deal of time of late visiting monasteries. His accounts are very graphically worded; he certainly will have very interesting experiences to relate when he returns. We have no knowledge as to just when that will be, but judge that he will reach New York somewhere in the neighborhood of July 1st.

Very truly yours,

HW/



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

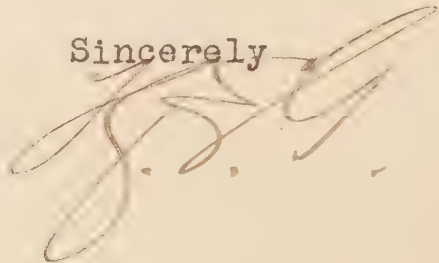
12 May 1923

Mr, Edward T. Newell  
President,  
American Numismatic Society

Dear Mr. Newell.

When I went to the Museum yesterday  
I noticed all flags out but ours. Is it that ours  
have become passé ? If so, and you will send  
me the size of the flag, I will see that you get  
two new clean ones !!!! What do you do ? Fly them  
at the door every day-or only on high days and holiday  
days ? During the sculpture show they should be  
out daily, n'est ce pas ?

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. E. Gillingham', written in a cursive style.

May 14th, 1923.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Our flags should have been put out at ten o'clock. They are brand new epic and span. Probably the man thought that as it had been raining and looked like rain, he did not put them out until one. That is what he tells me. We do take them in when it rains or if there is a very high wind because they beat themselves to pieces on the shubbery that is surrounding our place.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

21 May 1923

Mr. Howland Wood.

American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I return <sup>separately</sup> herewith the Italian MSS. on which I have verified the questions, and rewritten several parts, where it seemed necessary.

I have also had the seven pieces photographed, and enclose prints of them. I did not have the "Crown of Italy" done, for the reason that mine is a Chevalier's and I believe you have an Officer's cross. I regret that the Committee (?) deem wise to omit so many illustrations. Personally I feel that it's the illustrations which make a book of this character. But as it is not of my doings, I can of course say anything.

Inasmuch as I may not be able to spend much time at the Museum on June 8th. If I do get over- I thought best to send this to you as soon as possible. I am in no hurry. If you wish to leave it now, until Mr. Noe returns, all well and good. He "edited" it once last summer, and may as well finish it, as far as I am concerned. I shall not be able to read proof this summer. I will be away all of July, Aug & Sept.

I also return under separate cover the Spanish book which you loaned me. "Medallas Coloniales, Hispano Americanas" Many thanks,

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham



May 25th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just been looking over your manuscript and the new photographs. We will attend to the few photographs which we have here. There will be no necessity to give the manuscript to the printer until a few weeks before you return as we shall want you to look over the proof. In the meantime, we can get it in shape and probably have the cuts all made.

I should be glad if you would give us the name and address of your photographer as we shall have to get some extra prints made. You will remember that your writing shows through where you have written on the back in some instances, and I am afraid it will show up in the cuts. Also, there may be one or two, as Modena Order of Este, that I shall require to be larger. You might let the printer know that we may ask for some extra prints.

Trusting I shall be able to see you on June 1th,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

May 26th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

This letter, I think, is full of good news.  
First, the new swing-cases have arrived and look very nice, but are reposing up in the gallery until after the exhibition is over.

Second, we had another meeting of the Publication Committee yesterday, and I got them to agree to allow me to spend on illustrations about the same as on French Orders and Decorations. Now, as we are not going to have a coloured plate, I ought to be able to work in a few more cuts than I first thought, so some which I intended to cut out I will now include. Also, in looking over the pictures again, I think it would be well to get in a few more decorations. I will try to get as many as we have money for. Would it be possible for you to have a few more pieces photographed before you go to Europe? I would make the following suggestions -

I will photo our Lucca piece.

San Marino - suppose you photograph your Order of Chivalry

We will not use San Marino Medal of Merit as it will not make a good looking page.

Annunciata - I will photo. Military Order of Savoy, I will photo  
Crown of It. " " "

Order of Industry - out.

Do you want shown the medal you mention on the top of p. 29.

As it has no name, I hardly know what to call it on the title.  
I may put in the Earthquake medal of 1908, p.28. I will photograph ours.

Massala Medal - I will photo ours.

Of the Roman medals of Merit, I think if I show the first two you mention on p.37, it will be sufficient.

Can the Gaeta Medal, p.55, be photographed over again as the photographer has made it too large, and the reverse is smaller than the obverse. You state it is 36mm. - one photograph is 43mm. and the other 40mm.

You might photo the Order of St. Joseph of Tuscany, p.60, and I will try to use it. I think I will cut out the medal of 1848, p.62, and substitute our long service medal as we have enough round medals, and ours is a cross.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

27 May 1923

Mr. Howland Wood

American Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood.

Having had the pleasure of a visit from the Grand-son of the General Garibaldi, I was able to secure information regarding the "Star of the Thousand". I think it might be wise to substitute the enclosed, for that which is on pages 30- at bottom- and 31-at the top.

Will you therefor please so change the manuscript which you have.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*The Italian "Victory Medal" should be included, but I've not seen an  $\frac{1}{2}$  of it. nor the medal:*



May 29th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letters of May 26 and May 27th, respectively,  
at hand. Many thanks for the name of the photographer.

The reason we were holding back the printing of your  
monograph is because we thought you would wish to see the  
proof. If, however, you do not care about doing this we  
can, of course, start work on it earlier. We can take  
up this matter with you when you are in New York next Fri-  
day week.

I will substitute the new copy with regard to the Star  
of the Thousand, and I will write to Gifford to ask him  
if he will send direct to you on loan the Italian Victory  
Medal. When you are through with it, I should be glad if  
you would send it on here and I will return it to Gifford.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

June 13th, 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was sorry not to have seen you on Friday although I expected you would not have time to get up here.

We will proceed to go ahead with your monograph and we will trust to luck that we get it out in good shape without your valued aid. Were there any more photographs to come from you? I am a little bit hazy on this score.

I wrote to Gifford a little while ago with regard to the Italian Victory medal and he replied that he would try to get a photograph of it for you. If he does so, will you please send it on here when you are through with it.

In case I do not see you before you sail, I wish you Bon Voyage and a most successful trip.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



CELTIC HOTEL

6, RUE BALZAC

PARIS

ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE

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7<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Dear Mr. Wood.

Remembering that  
you may soon be  
arranging those new  
Swing Cases, I could  
not resist sending  
you today the decoration  
of the Three Golden Fleece  
of course it is not an



official price - as you  
are well aware - it was  
never really started.

But it's attractive - and  
if you do not want it -  
I know a Philadelphia  
collector who has none  
in his books or cabinet.

I bought this from  
Bacqueville & had it sent  
by registered, 1<sup>st</sup> class  
mail -

I've seen lots of  
things needed for your  
cabinets - as well as  
for my own - but they

prices run into several thousand  
francs. One lot I about made up  
my mind you should have - & that I  
would pay \$300. for it - but felt it  
were wiser to ask the price -  
It was only \$1200. (20,000, francs) - and I  
could not budge the man below  
1000. so for the present it remains here.  
If you tell Mr Newell this I know  
what he will say. also Mr Ridden.

I hope you got the Italian Victory  
Medal Photograph from Mr Clifford.  
and can get the date of authorization etc  
from your Italian Numismatic Journal  
to include in that mes.

We are having a genuine U.S.A. heat  
spell here - it was 90 yesterday & seems  
100 today. I've been in the hotel all day  
(except 2 hours) and shall remain indoors all  
afternoon. Everybody seems exhausted - as we I.

I trust you and your family have  
kept very well. My regards to Mrs Wood.  
Likewise remember me to all the staff  
at the Museum. Best regards to you too.

Sincerely  
Harold T. Henshaw

July 19th, 1933

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Morgan, Harjes et Cie  
Place Vendome  
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am very glad to hear from you, and I can see that you are busy as well as busy on your chief avocation! May your efforts be crowned with success!

The package with the Decorations has just arrived and we are very glad to get them. We have, however, the Golden Fleeces. Mr. Salus gave it to us, and after it had been on view for several years, he thought it should be removed. However, I am not tempted to put it back. I will talk this and talk the matter over with you upon your return.

We did not save the other three medals, and I will have photographed the Italian Victory piece as I have not heard from Gifford with any tangible results.

As you are away, and Joe is back, I am doing my best to get some vacation this month.

I have read in the papers about the terrific European heat wave, but I think you have nothing on us! The locusts seem to be hovering around here.

We are all very well and wish to be remembered to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HL/E



Paris 10 Aug 1923

Dear Mr Wood.

Since returning to Paris,  
I have found but four pieces, so far  
discovered minimotically.

I heard Palau had restored the  
old Cross. So I ordered two from  
Bacquville - one for the Society  
and one for myself. Both will go  
to you - as they will not be  
ready before I sail, next  
Saturday. This is merely an  
advice to you that they are  
coming.

My kindest regards  
to all at the Museum.

Faithfully and Sincerely

Harold J. Williamson

August 17th, 1923

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have written to Baldwin several times unsuccessfully for an Italian Fatica di Guerra with a 1918 bar. This is the medal with the innumerable red, white and green stripes. A friend of mine who was in the Italian Army wants to get one. If you can obtain this for me without too much trouble and let me know the price, I will be most grateful.

I have photographed the Italian Victory Medal, and have written to the Military Attaché At Washington as well as to the Italian Consul-General here asking them for information regarding this medal; however, if you can find out any particulars about it, please go ahead and do so.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
London, England



COX'S HOTEL,

TELEGRAMS:  
"ANONYMOUS, LONDON."

JERMYN STREET,

TELEPHONE No.  
GERRARD 9456.

ST. JAMES'S, S.W. 1.

UNDER SAME DIRECTION

GRAND PUMP ROOM HOTEL, BATH.

ROYAL CRESCENT HOTEL, BRIGHTON.

DE VERE HOTEL, KENSINGTON, W. 8.

ESPLANADE HOTEL, PENARTH, S. WALES.

26 Aug 1903  
Dear Mr Wood.-  
I saw 17" Aug letter  
Came yesterday morn. I went  
at once to Baldwin, secured  
an Italian medal under the 1903  
bar - paid £5 Shilling for  
it. and Baldwin promised  
to send it on to you next  
week - with some other  
requirements. Mr (Perry)  
apologized for overlooking  
your request, but they have  
been short handed, being  
much upset by holidays of the  
staff and worst of all Roy



has been sick & just ordered  
away on the Tuberculosis.  
they are all naturally afraid  
to I feel so for them - I  
admire the lot of them very  
much. They are vice versa  
to deal with.

If I had heard earlier  
from you about the Italian  
Victory medal I could have  
given all the "Dofe" from  
Rome - but my daughter's friend  
Capt. Garibaldi - has just left  
Rome on his way to Mexico, where  
he has been made minister of  
State. I am quite sure the  
military attaché should be able  
to help you.

With kind regards I am  
Very truly yours,  
Franklin D. Thompson

September 6th, 1913

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand, and many thanks for stirring up Baldwin. I will give you the equivalent of 5/- on your return.

As yet I have not heard from the Italian Embassy, but I received a letter from the Italian Consul. He has promised to give me more information, but so far he has not done so. However, he has called me up by saying that they have a Service Medal, Victory Medal and a Unity Medal, all relating to the War, and I have asked him to explain.

I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Baldwin's illness and trust that he may soon get well.

Just now I am busy arranging the new wing cases but it is an awfully slow job.

With best wishes for a pleasant voyage home.

Very sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
London, England

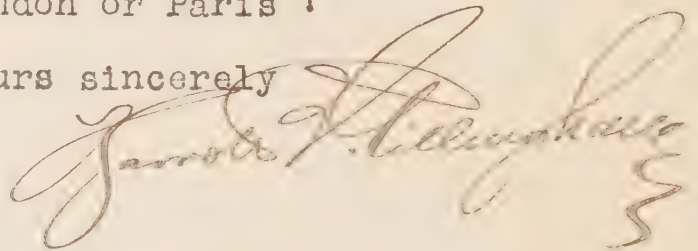
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

28 September 1923

Dear Mr,Wood,

In the midst of your other troubles,  
Here is a problem. WHY do some Russian Decorations of Saint Stanislaus have an Eagle in the centre medallion,instead of the S S ??????? I fail to find any authority,yet I have seen several. No one could tell me in London or Paris !

Yours sincerely

A large, flowing handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the bottom right portion of the letter.



September 25th, 1913

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Welcome back to U.S.A. And I hope we shall see you here pretty soon.

I have gotten about through with the temporary arrangement of the Decorations, but although I have been right in the midst of Decorations now for two months, I cannot help you as to the reason why some of the decorations of Saint Stanislaus have an eagle in the centre medallion.

Mr. Nowell sailed for Europe a week ago today and arrived there last Wednesday.

We are a little in doubt about the next Council meeting. It falls on the 11th, a holiday. We are going to settle this point on Tuesday, if possible.

Schulmann is over here now, and Kelly is back from his summer's rest.

Nee ran up to Boston and will be back on Monday night.

Trusting to see you before too long.

Sincerely yours,

October 10th, 1923.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your various letters to Mr. Noe and myself at hand. He has, I think, answered some of your questions.

I am returning to you the list of medals, and have scratched off those that we have, which, you will note, is really not very many.

I have the decorations all put in the cases. There were a great many more new ones to add than I really imagined and the cases are pretty well filled. I think, however, you will like the arrangement. I have tried to arrange them logically and in a systematic manner, keeping in mind that the outside cases looking out into the room should make the best display. I have changed the order as those on the southern pillows are shallower cases. The arrangement is now:-

Southeast corner: All U. S. The outside cases show our Honor Medals and the earlier Indian Peace Medals.

Southwest corner: Starts off with England as it use to. In this group I have also added the Oriental but have kept the two outside cases as they were showing the British Orders and the groups of war medals.

Northeast corner: Starts off with France followed by Portugal, Spain, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium, Holland, Baltic and the New Countries, Russia and the Balkans. The outside cases show the Legion d'Honneur and Serbia.

Northwest corner: Germany, Austria and South America. One outside case has Prussia and the other, Cuba.

I am anxious to have you inspect the arrangement, and trust to see you before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

18 October 1923

American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Gentlemen,

I send herewith the following Medals, which I believe you do not possess. And which I trust will fill in some of your vacancies.

CUBA Victory Medal

FRANCE do do

~~do~~ War in China 1883-1885 To the Army

~~do~~ do do do Navy (Gau-Giai)

~~do~~ Medaille Militaire, 2nd, type,

do Colony. Tadjourah, Ord, of Nichan el Anouar

do Madagascar Medal of Honour

do do et Dependencies Medal of Honour

ENGLAND. Imperial Yeomanry of Yorkshire, Boer War.

do William IV Naval Long Service & Good conduct

Accept these with my compliments,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

21 October 1923

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.  
Dear Mr. Wood.

Hearing of a medal in Brooklyn, I wrote to the gent and here is his answer. It looks like a medal given Cain or Abel. I know nothing of it, but did not think it was a "War-medal" so as you are not so far away, thought perhaps it might be something you were interested in it. I will donate a "fiver" for your cabinets, if you want it, though the chap seems to think it has "ancestral" value. !!!!!

Very truly

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

October 25th, 1923.

Harrold T. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Possibly you would like to make  
a note, or some brief mention, of the two  
new Italian decorations noted in this  
clipping.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

26 October 1923

Dear Mr. Wood.

Thanks for the suggestion about the new Italian "Crown of Merit", but after running off the enclosed ( which please hand to Mr. Noe ) I believe it had better go in as a foot note at the end. We have nothing but a newspaper account, and I am not so sure reporters are always correct.

I enclose the photographs of the Annunciada and the Order of Savoy, for your approval. It seems to me this of the former came out very well, while the Savoy Order is better than yours. The plate maker can eliminate the lower part of the Annunciada. Its taken from Armani's book, and shows the roses etc, quite well.

Here is a catalogue sheet I had from Brussels, Some new Belgian medals, If you want any, order them - at my expense - and if you think proper, order for me, those I marked. I would like these variations. But thought I better submit to you, for fear you had some.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Gillingham*



November 2nd, 1923.

Mr. Harrold H. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I can not remember whether I acknowledged  
your favor of October 26th.

The Annunciata decoration came out far  
better than I thought, and I will see about having  
it engraved.

I have ordered the Belgian medals for  
you, and included three duplicates for ourselves  
as you suggested.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

11 November 1923

American Numismatic Society  
New York.  
Gentlemen.

Conforming my conversation with Mr. Wood,  
and referring to the Decorations I left with you. I  
beg to advise that the following pieces are GIFTS to  
the Society. viz-

RUSSIA.	Order of the White Eagle, Star	5.
	Order of St Stanislaus	10.
BOKHARA	Order of the Star or Crown. gilt rays	12.
	do do silver "	13.
TURKEY.	Order of the Medjidie Grand Cross	20.
SIAM.	Order of the Crown, Old model.	10.
BAVARIA.	Order of Military Merit, emb, plaque, 170mm. Circa 1800 Property of a French Marechall of the Confederation of the Rhine,	40.
NORWAY,	Order of St Olaf. Breast Star, sash and badge of Grand Cross, 3 pcs.	65.
SWEDEN.	Order of Seraphim, silver plaque	17.
AUSTRIA.	Order of Leopold, Star, badge and gilt chain of order, Grand Cross,	35.
	do Order of Elizabeth, Plaque, badge and ribbon (Empress Elizabeth's own)	35.
SAXONY.	Order of Sidonia (for women) badge and ribbon (Empress Elizabeth's own)	65.
HOLLAND.	Order of Lion of Netherlands, emb, plaque period 1815	15.
DENMARK.	Order of Dannebrog, emb, silver and gold, circa 1790	15.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

11 November 1923

The American Numismatic Society -  
Gentlemen.

Confirming my conversation to your  
Mr. Wood and the pieces I left with you on Friday  
last, I beg to offer on LOAN the following pieces.

FRANCE. Plaque of the Mousquetaire circa 1790	15.
do Order Notre Dame du Mont Carmel & St Lazare, One of but 2 known,	95.
Order of Holy Spirit, emb, plaque circa Henry <u>III</u> 1580	35.
Order of Holy Spirit epoch Louis 18th,	45.
Order of the Iron Crown of Italy 1805 emb, plaque	23
Legion of Honour, 1st, model 1st, Empire,	28.
do do Restauration, emb,	27.50
do do do silver plaque	22.50
do do 2nd, Republic, Napoleon's head 1848	37.50

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

DENMARK-	Order of Dannebrog, Circa 1860	30.
BAVARIA-	Order of St. Hubert. silver-gold,	25.
SAXE-WIEMER-EISENBACH	White Falcon	15.
PORTUGAL	Immaculate Conception, Plaque, badge and sahh.	65.
do	Order of St. Benoit d' Avis, with Sacred Heart.	10.
SPAIN.	Royal Order of Spain, 1809	45.
"	Order of Naval Merit. Special Service	10.
"	Order of Isabel the Catholic	15.
"	Justice ?	12.
PAPAL.	Collar and badge of Camier Secret.	
"	Chamberlain to the Pope,	23.
ITALY	Royal Order of the Two Sicilies emb, pla, 1815 see Mendel p, 17	60.
ITALY	MODENA. Order of the Eagle of Este	45.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

November 30th, 1923.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Penn.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just received from Baqueville two copies of the Polonia Restituta medal. I suppose one copy is for us and the other for you. Shall I hold this here until you come up, or send it on to you?

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Keep all yhe things until I come over  
next week for meeting. I will then pay  
for the Belgian bill or bring it and  
send draft.

Many thanks

Harrold E.Gillingham

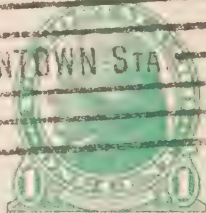
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Howland Wood

American Numismatic Society

Broadway & 156th, Street

NEW YORK CITY

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

*Alfred Gillingham*

27 January 1924

Mr Howland Wood.  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood.

In going through a box of letters and papers-this morning - I came across two letters relating to the American Field Service in France, of which I have a Medal. I have a faint recollection that you asked me some time ago if you had loaned me the papers. I know I wrote to Boston for my Medal and secured it from headquarters, but I have absolutely no recollection of where I got the papers. If you think you loaned them to me, and that I never returned them, these I have must belong to the Society, and I will bring them over next time I come. Please let me know your view !

If you do not care for them, I should like to keep them, but not against the Society's interest!!

Yours very truly

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

January 29th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I think the documents relating to the American Field Service are rare. If you don't mind, I wish you would bring them up when you come and I can then tell whether we should keep them. I have a carbon copy of one, I think sent me by Mr. Gifford, but I believe it does not belong to our medal.

Also, if I remember correctly, you have two or three Decorations of ours, which puzzled me and which you took back with you to see if you could trace them up. Have you still got these?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Feb 4 February 1924

Dear Mr Wood

Have you ever used stereoptican slides to illustrate medals ? And if so, how do they come out, as regards size ? I have been asked to give an illustrated talk on medals and decorations, before the Historical Society of Penna, (but not yet made up my mind that I can) and wondered if the enlargement of the medal- as would be necessary that they can be distinguished by people thirty feet away-) would deteriorate the detail, by the slide.

Kindly give me your viewpoint, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

February 5th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Personally, I have never used lantern slides for medals. I have seen them in use and Howell has used them. The results, for the most part, have been excellent. In fact, they stand up the same as any similar objects do which are used for slides. It is absolutely necessary to have a very sharp brilliant negative. This negative you give to the lantern-slide man, and he does the rest! They prefer the negative to a print. The results are a thousand times better than our arrangement of showing the actual coin, because we can never light the piece as it should be.

Very truly yours,

Operator

February 27th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Baqueville has just sent me the  
enclosed photographs, and I am wonder-  
ing if they would interest you.

Very truly,

Curator

Encs.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
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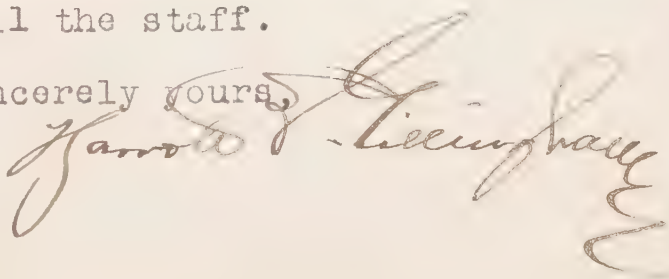
29 February 1924

Dear Mr. Wood.

Accept my thanks for sending the  
photographs received from Bacqueville. You have  
the placque of the Reunion. That 5 pointed star  
thing, must be a Church or Papal decoration. The  
Italian authorities do not mention it. The Royal  
Order of Two Sicilies, is merely a variant, from  
mine and I suppose from yours, though I have sent  
to Bacqueville for it. It was good of you to  
think of me. Has the President returned yet ?

My respects to all the staff.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

March 1st, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Thank you for your letter .

Mr. Newell is due to arrive March 5th  
or 6th, by the S.S. Herengaria.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

12 March 1924

Mr. Howaldd Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Regarding the Oriental Club exhibit  
for Easter Week, I will loan you the following  
IF YOU WISH.

CHINA. 3 sindials & Compases.

6 Orders and Medals, Double Dragon.

ANNAM Khim-Kam Order, Double Dragon, Two silver  
medals, one with Brevet of Award.

LAOS Order of 199 million elephants

CAMBODIA One Order and two medals.

JAPAN. Order of Rising Sun, (Commanders plaque, badge,  
Sash, Brevet, and original box of presentation)  
Order of Golden Kite, Sacred Treasure, Red Cross  
and Three service Medals.

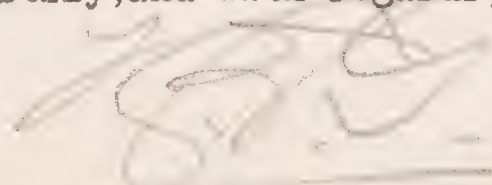
One sun-dial.

Let me know in time, that I can send by Express, to  
reach you in time for show.

Wray has several sun-dials of Japan and China, I  
think. If you want them, I am sure you could get  
the loan of them. He is in telephone book.

Would Indian Orders or Medals come in under  
"Oriental" ? I have several British for India.

Hastily, and with regards,





2000 = 4000



April 19th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your communication with regard to the Decorations received and I suppose that they will arrive during the day. In the meantime, you may care to study the enclosed document. The letter simply states that they would be very glad to fill our orders. I should judge by the prices, however, that these Decorations are gold rather than silver.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia  
16 April 1924

American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Gentlemen.

"Attention of Mr. Howland Wood"

I am sending you via American Railways Express, one package, containing the following Orders and Decorations, for the purpose of your Loan Exhibition of Oriental Numismatics. These to be on Loan, until called for by me. Viz-

GRAND

JAPAN- One lacquered box, containing, Commander's Plaque, Badge, Sash, Cord and Certificate of the ORDER OF THE RISING SUN.  
One Commanders Badge, MILITARY ORDER OF GOLDEN KITE. ribbon  
One do do ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE "  
One Chevalier's badge, ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, "  
One Cross, ORDER OF THE RED CROSS 2nd. class "  
One silver medal of RED CROSS with ribbon "  
One silver CORONATION MEDAL "  
One black metal Medal, War with China, for Hiao-Chow(?) "  
CHINA- One Commander's Badge, ORDER OF EXCELLENT CROP, with ribbon.  
One silver star badge, ORDER OF DOUBLE DRAGON "  
One oblong plaque badge, do do no ribbon  
One round gilt badge, red button, do ribbon and tassels  
One larger round medal badge, short ribbon, Double Dragon .  
One gold Medal of Merit, Double Dragon, ribbon & bar  
One silver do do do do do do do  
One silver medal, no ribbon. said to be War with Japan (?).  
ANNAM- One gold (native make) Order of Khin-Kam, cord and tassels.  
One gilt Officers badge, Order of Dragon of Annam, ribbon & button  
One silver Plaque of Honour, Plaque, no ribbon.  
One Medal of Sapeque. 1st, Class, with Brevet.  
CAMBODIA One silver Medal of Norodom, with ribbon.  
One do do Sisowath 1st. do  
Annam One silver Medaille Militaire, do (Annam)  
Cambodia One Officer's gilt badge, ROYAL ORDER OF CAMBODIA. ribbon & button.  
LAOS. One Chevalier's badge, Order of 100,000 Elephants, with ribbon.

Be good enough to acknowledge receipt of these. I trust your exhibition will be a great success, and am only too glad to be of service to you and the Oriental Club.

Very sincerely yours,

*Garret D. Silliman*

The enclosed Reading Penna,  
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EDWARD T. NEWELL  
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TREASURER

HOWLAND WOOD  
CURATOR

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

April 19th, 1924

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432 West Price Street  
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Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

*Does not look interesting*  
*9/9/24 R. L.*

*Very sorry.  
We did not think they were  
of interest.*

April 24th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I received the Decorations on Tuesday and have placed them in a case. They look fine! I will keep them on exhibition until you call for them, as stated in your letter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

*In reply*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood

15 May 1924

Curator,

American Numismatic Society

New York.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Is it generous to give away something one does not want? I hope you can find space in the cabinets, for the enclosed medals. I bought them from Florange in Paris, at his auction sale of March 6th, 1924 --you have a catalogue--and as I bid from the galley sheets he sent me, and in rather of a hurry, I was too hasty (for my own pocket-book), have got severely stung.

Knowing you keep some kind of a record as to value, I give you what I paid for them. That's the only reason, Not that I think they are so very valuable. Figure the franc at 4.50 too.

#46 @ 38.fcs.

49 67.

51 42.

53 42.

159 40.

336 10. (a lot for the monty)

341 35.

344 60.

345 60.

347 40.

348 40.

433 37.

436. 32. 543.

*all a gift. not a loan!!!*

If I valued these a little more, I should keep them for Christmas. But you should have the joy NOW !!!!!

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



May 28th, 1924

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Thank you very much indeed for the various medals which you sent to us on May 15th. I am getting in only once a week nowadays, which is the reason for the delay in making acknowledgment. Two or three of the medals we are very glad to get; all but one or two of them have come in useful as we did not have them in our collection.

Very truly yours,

Curator

RECEIPT FOR OBJECTS OF ART LOANED TO  
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

No.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM, ESQ.,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Date of receipt November 10th, 1923.

Description:

✓ FRANCE.

*St. Michael*  
Plaque of the Mousquetaire circa 1790.

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& St. Lazare, One of but 2 known.

✓ Order of Holy Spirit, emb. plaque  
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✓ Order of Holy Spirit epoch Louis XVIII.

✓ Order of the Iron Crown of Italy, 1805,  
emb. plaque.

✓ Legion of Honour, 1st model, 1st Empire,

✓ do do Restoration, emb.

✓ do do do silver plaque

✓ do do 2nd Republic, Napoleon's  
head, 1848.

*I hereby present the above articles  
to the American Numismatic Society  
Harrold E. Gillingham  
12 Oct 1923*

Subject to conditions  
on back

Secretary

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Confirming my conversation to your  
Mr. Wood and the pieces I left with you on Friday  
last, I beg to offer on LOAN the following pieces.

FRANCE. Plaque of the Mousquetaire circa 1790	15.
do Order Notre Dame du Mont Carmel & St Lazare, One of but 2 known,	95.
Order of Holy Spirit, emb, plaque circa Henry III 1580	35.
Order of Holy Spirit epoch Louis 18th,	45.
Order of the Iron Crown of Italy 1805 emb, plaque	23
Legion of Honour, 1st, model 1st, Empire,	28.
do do Restoration, emb,	27.50
do do do silver plaque	22.50
do do 2nd, Republic, Napoleon's head 1848	37.50

Yours very truly,

*328.50*



TELEPHONES

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM

423 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA

4th. February 1925

Mr. Howalnd Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I see by the papers that the "Daughters  
of the Confederacy" are issuing a medal to the men of  
"Rebellion" descent, who were in the World-War. Have  
you one of these in your cabinets? If not, advise me  
and I will try and get one for you, as I know of several  
"Daughters" who live in this vicinity, and might be able  
to get one.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

February 18th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Mr. Huntington has just given us Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to purchase foreign medals in the exhibition now being held. I think it would be best to open a new account with the Bank, and have just done so - calling the account "Special Purchase Fund". This will cover all money received for purchasing special things for the Society.

With your permission, I think it would be well to transfer the money from Repairs and Furniture set aside for buying Decorations, to this new Account. This will help simplify the Transit Account which we shall try to keep for its legitimate purposes only.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Série 8  
N° 157

# PARIS..EN FLANANT

Les Bouquinistes du Quai Voltaire au coin

du Pont du Carrousel

The Quai Voltaire old book-dealers

I am sending some new  
books for the Cabinet  
which I trust will not  
shew us up. Had a  
nice visit with Mrs. B.  
and am asking forward  
to join the President this  
week. Kindest regards &  
love with love. Sincerely  
H. B. G.

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American Numismatic  
Society

156 " X Broadway

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# PARIS... EN FLANANT

## Bouquinistes du Quai Malaquais

Old South Building, on the Canal, Managua



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OR  
INSURE  
VALUABLE MAIL

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Édition d'Art YVON, Neuilly, Paris - Reproduction

Mr. Howard Todd

American Numismatic Soc.

Broadway 156 St

New York City

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - 1864

do know no more  
to tell. Can you possibly  
write me more?

Good men have refused to  
take on moral <sup>crimes</sup> &  
murder in <sup>the</sup> hands <sup>of</sup> men.

The mud around the  
poles. Very rough & too hard

and will at the Society

Will no more be

*L. C. Harvey*



May 2nd, 1915

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your two post cards at hand, showing scenes of your favourite Parisian haunts. As I fail to see you in the various groups, I presume you are behind the camera, taking the pictures!

The chief item of numismatic interest which has befallen us since you left, is the receipt of three packages of Decorations from Paris. We were exceedingly pleased to get the Second Grade Order of St. Michael and St. George - especially pleased as we had this Order represented only in miniature. We were also terribly set up in receiving the first class Decoration of the Order of the Redeemer. We have long been looking for this as our Collection was represented by the lowest grade. And we were more than delighted to receive the Italian Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, as this Order was represented by the lowest rung of the ladder! The Russian plaque and the Serbian Order of the White Eagle we already had, and I am holding these until your return.

Other events that have happened here are so mediocre that it seems hardly necessary to dwell on them.

We see Reilly occasionally, and hear constantly from Newell.

The Exhibition of Foreign Medals is now being returned to Europe. After a pretty through canvass, we concluded with the aid of the Council that the inducements for placing it on tour did not warrant the effort as any returns were extremely doubtful.

I am glad that you saw Mrs. Brett, as we have received no word from her since she left our shores.

We are all looking forward to your return.

Very sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Paris, France

Curator



Paris May 15-25

Dear Mr Wood:

I am glad the excavations were  
so needed. And regret that all did  
not fill up gaps in the cabinet. Perhaps  
the next lot. (from Baginville) will be  
new to you. You are not very common  
man. I have searched in vain for them  
I believe you know all I have seen.  
Perhaps in Switzerland or Eastern Europe  
likely to find others.

I had hoped Mr Russell would be  
here back by this time. Maybe the  
attractions of Vienna are more alluring  
than Paris. At least I hope the weather  
is cooler. For the past 2 days it's been  
rid hot. and full summer clothes are too  
much. I trust the Foreign medals can  
be shipped back. Well within the contemplated  
expenditure. One certainly got a "crown" in  
that deal. I heard Emily Raymond was in to  
see Platt a few days ago. So there must be  
some numismatic attractions over now  
this year. I have bought Mosseswell. Brett  
& Raymond. ~ Perhaps you will write to  
starting Chinaware before long. Tell him the



on the lookout for some of those  
Prussian decorations for me & the  
Swing cases!!! I hope before long  
to have a new Cambodian order for  
you. But I've been doing little nothing  
of anything this week. We were sitting near  
no one quite sick - no is up about  
the river today.

Remember me most kindly to your  
wife - Miss East - & all others including  
the good & dear self.  
Yours sincerely  
Charles  
Farrington

May 26, 1925

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

Both Mr. Nee and myself were very glad to hear from you. As he was writing to you the other day he acknowledged the receipt of the last lot of decorations you sent over. This was the lot that came in pairs, I suppose sent over with the hope that they would multiply. Again our thanks goes out to you for these. One set certainly will be available for you without any red tape.

Have you been able to locate the Victory Medal issued by Brazil? I also have been wondering whether Jugo-Slavia has gotten out one. In neither of these cases have I been able to find out anything definite.

I suppose Mr. Newell will be back any day now. We have not heard from him since he left for Austria. Reiley goes to China the middle of June. He has been going through various stunts to get himself in the best of condition for the trip and we have seen him less than a half a dozen times since Newell left.

We have been having alternate hot and cold days - 90 one day; 45 the other..

The foreign medals are waiting for the customs house to release them under our bond. It took us some time to make detailed invoices in quadruplicate and prepare them for packing but I am hoping now to get them out of here very soon. I cannot tell what it will cost to send these back until I get the packages aboard the steamer and the various bills come in.

Since Wayte Raymond started to go to Europe a few years ago he now goes every year. Johnson of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company goes every year and has just gotten back. Mrs. Brett is leaving Athens on the seventh of June and is due here on the nineteenth. We probably will not see much of her until autumn as she undoubtedly will go to the country as soon as possible. Miss Earle leaves for Europe on May thirtieth.

I am sorry to learn that Mrs. Gillingham has been ill. Convey to her my best wishes, and believe me

Very truly

May 29, 1925

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
c/o Morgan, Harjes & Co.  
14 Place Vendome  
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have just received a catalogue from Glendenning of a very valuable collection of war medals. The sale will be held from June fifteenth to nineteenth. It looks to me like the best sale they ever got out and is the collection of W. Phillips. It is wholly English. At the end are a number of Indian Peace Medals. If you have not heard of this try to get a catalogue.

You will see that there is not much time to lose.

Hastily

HW C

Curator







in a few minutes and come for me  
at this hour I have been under estimate  
have secured about 30 minutes 20 for  
some money for me.

I do the Society I am much by far  
further than of Hays's Journal as usual.  
I am in number one with 30 a lot  
for so. I want to see I would do so much.

in too much more coming straight  
to me. The lady I want to see at  
in the house & give to some one overcoat.  
Today is like mid-summer I am enjoying  
as the lady comes up the Thompson's  
It is hard to regulate and seeing.

no Ethingham was entirely resolved to me  
some day for a 3 day motor left through Cornwall.  
in a couple of weeks we expect the boys to  
arrive for good.

I hope you will have a good  
week & please write me. My kindest remembrance  
of you both, as ever, my well wisher

My dear friends  
+  
Ferdinand Ethingham

June 22, 1925

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and I am glad to hear from you again. I have been away for the past week at the twenty-fifth reunion of my class at college. Although still feeling young, we are now considered among the older alumni. Such is fate! Sixty-six out of ninety-eight of our class had a three days outing at Watch Hill, Rhode Island and then went to Providence for Commencement.

Newell has been up here about every day since his return and we all saw Mr. Reilly and family off for China the other day. We are wondering whether, through fortunes of war and the like, he will be able to spend a year there as he hopes.

Gifts have been coming in slowly but fairly surely. The Exhibition with but two exceptions has all been returned to Europe for which I am devoutly thankful. We raised some money and I sent bids amounting to one hundred pounds to buy some of those Indian Peace Medals at the Phillips Sale in London.

We have received a cablegram from Miss Harle and we trust that she will get such a rest that she will come back in good shape.

It looks to me as if Mr. Wray would not be able to pick up much in sun dials. However, he collects other things.

We get nothing from Johnson's trips to Europe. I saw him the other day but he gives his rich customers first choice and although he knows what we are interested in he never sends us anything of his own accord. With Wayte Raymond it is different. He generally shows us early whatever he has that he thinks we might want. His prices are generally too high but if he finds he cannot sell certain things we might want he later lets us have them much cheaper and sometimes gives them to us. I wish the rest were like him.

I received a letter from Mr. Salles the other day, stating you had been around to see him.

We have been having all sorts of temperature here but not over-much rain. I am glad to know that both you and Mrs. Gillingham are now on your feet. What's the good of going to Europe if you can't enjoy it.

Very sincerely yours



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, 11 October 1925  
American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood.

For the purpose of aiding you in your records, I give you the prices paid by me for some of the things, sent from Paris.

England, - St. Michel & St. George, )	
Greece, St Savior, )	700. fcs.
Italy, St. Maurice & St. Lazare )	or \$37.50
These three, with star & ribbons)	when bought.

Sant by Bacqueville, in May.	
Croix de Ste Agathe )	
Palms, Muni Saraphon )	
Serbian Commemorative Medal )	
Assurances Sociale )	
Prevoyance Sociale )	398. fcs, or
Cross, African Star )	\$20.00
Medal, African Star, bronze )	when bought.
" " silver, )	

*all add. 2 Persian Decorations*

I think this is all, save the Baldwin lot, which I believe you took note of. Perhaps when I get all unpacked, I may find something else for the Society.

Very truly yours,

*Did I send 25<sup>00</sup> Apr 5<sup>th</sup>  
for Binding - for Paris?*

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

October 13th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for sending on the prices paid for the decorations which you gave us. I have entered them in our book as well as on your Fellowship card.

On April 29th, I find that we sent to the Bank \$25.00 from you which was credited to the library.

It certainly was good to see you again, and I trust that you will often be with us during the winter.

Very truly yours,

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

19 October 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

The enclosed correspondence, shows the reason for your receiving that "Daughters of the Confederacy " medal, which I am glad came, Destroy it after you are through. I never heard personally from my letter.

Have you heard from your Chinese orders and will you hear soon. My reason for asking, is merely that I may pay Baldwin.

I secured a medal from Baldwin, for a friend here, and on the paper Baldwin Sr. wrote, "Med. Ill. 156/423" Does that refer to some English medallion book ? If so, and the Society has it will you copy what it says, and also anything else near by, referring to a medal issued by the Friendly Contributionship, or the Fire Office. It refers to some medal, issued by an Insurance Company, about 1700. I have not the book.

Many thanks for the trouble, I know I am giving you.

Very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Dear Mr. Wppd:



Name.

Created:

June 29-1918

I have descriptions, but we want  
the meal.

Attache, for further details, until you try. And then it takes so long to get the information from Madrid, through the Governmental Departments.

Let me have the benefit of your

advice and suggestions on this.

Very truly yours,

Harrods J. T. Lillingham

I have a home with last and I want of it for parents. ribbon  
Red in yellow side stripes as on the order. I think as that is

Before 1918

our crosses of military merit are cheap tin affairs like the  
order. ribbon red central yellow stripe

October 21st, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your favour just at hand, and enclosed herewith is the information about the medal referred to in the book *Medallic Illustrations*. It is the two-volume book which describes all medals relating to England, through the reign of George II.

Could you tell me what Italian medal was authorized on March 21, 1916, Decree 641? I could not check this up in your book. A friend of mine was notified some time ago that he had been awarded this medal, but he does not know what it is; and the medal has probably been lost in transit.

I have been expecting every day to receive those Chinese Orders, but Mr. Ros has been so tied up that he has not been able to do anything about them. I will let you know just as soon as I hear.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

22 October 1925

Dear Mr. Wood.

Thanks for the copy from "Medallic Illustrations".

Sorry I cannot aid you about the Italian war medal authorized March 21 1916, Decree 641. I have no record of ever having had any Decrees. And I am in doubt of its being a medal for the 1914-1918 war. I know of no medal authorized as early as that. Nearly two years before the war was over. Your friend should know what medal was meant, and what he was entitled to. But perhaps the Italian Gov't did not send the medals. I know one of the Garibaldi men, was at my house, after I had had two new medals a year or more, and said he had never received his.

I enjoyed looking over Mr. Gifford's list, but do not think I shall buy. The principal difference from those I have, is in the Regiment. And I care little about that feature of collecting.

But on his 3rd. page he refers to the "French Reproduction" of the Crimean medal. It was not a Reproduction. The medal was issued in England and sent to France for distribution. But the bars (or at least some of them) were made in France. I happen to have not only the Crimean, but the Baltic medal, issued to Frenchmen, together with the Brevet issued by the Legion d'Honneur (as is their custom) authorizing the wearing of the medal in France.

The same with the Baltic Medal. Just as the Italian "Al Valore Militar" medal was given, not only to French, but to the English as well, when deserved. I have several of each.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

And during the Crimean war, France gave Legion d'Honneur to many British soldiers.

I am inclined to think that Gifford is selling medals of some one else ( This strictly on the Qt.) These do not seem to be of his collection. When I saw it in 1923, he had many more of Officers. Not so any of the privates, which he lists here. Or, he may have gone in, later, to a more general collecting.

If you can spare his Foreign list, I should like to look it over. And too, let me know what you want, and have not the ready change to buy. Where will you put them if you buy them ??

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

*Harold Gillingham*

*Before you return the list.*

*I am now getting along with the Indian medals.*

October 23rd, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your two letters at hand. I am going up to Cornell tonight until Tuesday. Some time today, I am expecting the Chinese Orders and Decorations from Mr. Ros. He was up here this morning, and he told me that he was having them sent up from the Hotel McAlpin. I will let you know early next week what this collection includes in the way of Orders of the Double Dragon.

We have cheap badges of the Cross of Saint Fernando and Crosses of Military Merit, both of these I think we have had before 1918. The Saint Fernando has the ribbon of the Order, and the Military Merit has a red ribbon with a yellow stripe in the centre.

I am writing to the Spanish Consul here but do not pin much hope to securing any information.

In a few days I hope to have checked up Gifford's foreign list, and will then send it on to you. I think that these are Gifford's medals - but the ones which he did not care about. From what I am able to put together, he is keeping only certain selections - especially those given to officers.

We are sending out special letters to some twenty-odd people, such as Morgan and others, and another form of letter to nearly all of our members, soliciting funds for the Indian Peace medals. These have been signed by Mr. Newell and are being sent out today.

by letter

I note that you have been writing to our Military Attaché at Madrid. Have you ever tried the Military Attaché of the Embassy of Washington? In various circumstances, I have approached Very sincerely yours,

Curator



October 28th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just been through all of Mr. Ros' decorations and badges. There was one whole trunk full of miscellaneous stuff, without a single attribution to a piece. The bulk of it is cheap badges, but there were some very fine decorations, all of which were of the Chinese Republic - in fact, there was nothing of the Old Empire; consequently, all of the things sent here by Baldwin are not represented in our Cabinet. You asked me to let you know, and this is the answer! I presume that you are going to present them to us as you well know we refuse nothing - especially if we have not already got it. I will thank you the next time I see you.

Have you any books, which we have not here, that describe Chinese decorations, both the old and the new? I see that I shall need help in arranging all of these.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator





CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN  
IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

709-6TH AVENUE  
SUITE 604

NEW YORK

6540

FILE NUMBER

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER  
TO FILE NUMBER.

October 26th 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
156th Street and Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the  
26rd instant I take pleasure in informing you that  
you might be able to procure the Spanish Decorations  
and War Medals referred to by getting in touch with  
(Viuda e Hijas de Juan Medina, Preciados 21, Madrid,  
Spain.)

Yours very truly,

*Alejandro Berrea*

ALEJANDRO BEREIA  
CONSUL GENERAL FOR SPAIN

BLL

Referred to Mr. Gillingham  
A.N.S.

TRANSLATE INTO SPANISH.

H.E. Gillingham,  
423 Walnut St.  
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

This Society has a Museum, with a large collection of War-medals and Decorations ( to be worn on the person), and we wish to complete the collection, by adding thereto the newer Medals and Decorations which have been created within the past few years. Your name has been given us, as makers or dealers in such articles, hence our request.

Will you kindly send us the following pieces, with a bill for same, and they will be promptly paid for. viz-

Name	Created.
Cross of "San Fernando" Officer's	July 29-1918
Cross of "Maria Christina" Officer's	Jan. 30-1880 <sup>1870</sup>
Cross of "Military Merit" Red. Officer's	Dec. 30 1889
Cross of "Military Merit" Bi-color, Officer's	July 7 1921
Medal of "Santoago de Cuba" for Navy	Oct 23 1923
Medal of "Cavite" for Navy	Oct 23 1923
Medal of "El Caney" for Army	Oct 23 1923
Medal of "Lomas de San Juan" for Army	Oct 23 1923
Medalla Militar	June 29 1918

We should also be glad to have you send us your Catalogue of any other Official Medals or Decorations sold by you, in case we find others which we need for our cabinets.

Awaiting your advices, and trusting you may be able to supply the above pieces, we are,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer, and Chairman of the  
Committee on War-Medals and  
Decorations.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

29 October 1925

Dear Mr. Wood.

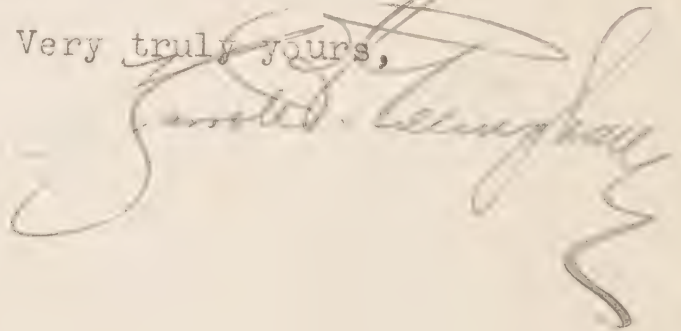
I have your letter of the 28th. and have already sent Baldwin a check for those Chinese pieces. The truth of the matter is, that I am glad you want them. For I should have been forced to keep them myself, if you did not. And its too much to add to my already crowded cabinet.

I know of no recent book, describing them, except the Trost ( that awful German thing), a copy of which you have. But I have written to Mr. Reilley, asking him to get something for the Society, if it has been published.

I copy the Baldwin bill, in case it will help you. But I know nothing better at the present.

Am glad tou are getting so much in for the Indian medals. Wish you luck.

Very truly yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, likely reading 'Harrold E. Gillingham', is written over the typed name and extends across the bottom right of the page.



*For A. H. S. Files - in Car it*  
*Thankfully answered*  
*(I have another Carson)* *H.B.S.*

ANS.

30 October 1925

Messrs. Viuda e Hijas de Juan Medina,  
Preciados 21,  
Madrid, Spain.

Muy Senor mio:

Esta Sociedad tiene un Museo con una grande coleccion de Medallas de guerra y Condecoraciones ( para uso personal ), y deseamos completar la coleccion anadiendo, ademas, las modernas Medallas y Condecoraciones que han sido creadas en los ultimos anos. Se nos ha dado su nombre como fabricante de tales articulos o negociante en los mismos; lo que explicita nuestra solicitud.

Tenga usted la amabilidad de enviarnos las siguientes piezas, con la correspondiente factura, que sera prontamente pagada. A saber:

Nombre,

creada.

Cruz de "San Fernando" de Oficial,	Julio 29 1918
Cruz de "Maria Christina" de Oficial,	Enero 30 1899
Cruz del "Merito Militar" Roja de Oficial,	Dic. 30 1899
Cruz del "Merito Militar" bi-color, Oficial,	Julio 7 1921
Medalla de "Santiago de Cuba" por la Armada.	Oct 23 1923
Medalla de "Cavite" para la Armada,	Oct 23 1923
Medalla de "El Caney" para el Ejercito	Oct 23 1923
Medalla de "Lomas de San Juan" para el Ejercito	Oct 23 1923
Medalla Militar,	Junio 29 1918.

Tambien celebrariamos que V. nos enviase su Catalogo de cualesquiera otras Medallas o Condecoraciones oficiales vendidas por V., por si pudiessemos hallar otras que necesitassemos en nuestras colecciones.

En espera de sus noticias y confiando en que V. podra suministrarnos la piezas arriba mencionadas, somos de V. afmos, S.S.

Harrold E. Gillingham,  
Tesorero, y Conite de Medallas y  
Condecoraciones de guerra.

October 31st, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your name is writ large in our Book of Gold! As soon as I can cerrall our elusive President, I will sit him down and have him indite an acknowledgment befitting your generous gift. As for myself, words cannot express my appreciation! Very, very many thanks for your kindness.

We have received \$1,300 toward securing the Indian Peace medals, and are hoping that when our members have checked up their expenses at the end of this month, that the first week in November will bring in further cheques.

I have just looked through the Res material which I think I told you was left on a long-time loan, with the possibility that we may have it given to us later. There are 20 decorations of different classes of the Order of the Tiger and the Golden Grain. One hundred decorations and medals which are probably official, of which I know nothing. Over 400 enamel badges for every conceivable purpose, such as Societies, porters, guards, commemorations, etc., etc.; and over 800 metal badges, which are in the same category; nearly 100 celluloid buttons - all Chinese. Altogether, there are 1500 pieces. Therefore, the next time you come up, you had better plan an extra hour in order to look these over.

With sincerest thanks again for your generous gift to our Cabinets,

Very truly yours,

Curator

*Gillingham*

CHINA.	O.	Double Dragon, 5 pointed Badge and B/Star	L 6-0-0
"	"	" round variety, blue enamel circle red centre.	4-15-0
"	"	" 4th. class, round, Pearl centre.	2- 5-0
"	"	" eight pointed star, Crystal centre	4-15-0
"	"	" star Oval blue enamel, blue centre.	6-0- 0
"	"	" 8 pointed, white enamel circle, red centre	2- 5-0
"	"	" Shield shape, blue enamel & gilt, (Li Hung Chang)	2- 5-0 ?
"	"	" Oblong, 2, 5/8 X 1, 3/4 in.	6- 5-0
Spanish Badge (?) and breast Star, light green enamel, Reconpense a la constancia en el servicio militar )			3- 5-0
Order of British Empire, Breast Star, K.B.E. or D.B.E.			4-10-0
South African Victory medal, British & Dutch inscription-			4-6
			L 42-12-6

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432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia

15 November 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

It is bad enough for you to have to examine and correct manuscripts-numismatically-but to have to write them for enthusiastic members is a little too much. Do you not think?

I cannot find descriptions of some of the Society's pieces, in a language which I can read and understand. I am going to get you to give me the size and description of obverse and reverse, of the following pieces.

VOLUNTEERS IN CUBA 1871 Amadeus I. an oval medal, with laurel wreathed edge. One with a crown and one without a crown. Also ribbon as you have it.

VOLUNTEERS IN PORTO RICO Alfonso XII. an oval medal. Poor Alfonso XII was so busy he forgot to describe this with others of same period.

VOLUNTEERS IN PHILIPPINES 1896-7 Sosa-the Spanish writer does not mention it. The only authority I have is Sculfort, "Cat. Musee de l'Armee" Ka 1600 page 153 - I neglected to take description yesterday.

MEDAL FOR CUBA 1895-1898 One with a laureled edge and crown above. I am not sure it is the one on page 217 at the back of Sosa's book.

MEDAL OF MADRID 1876. Like a lock. Can find no authority giving mention of it. Do you know your authority?

I would like descriptions of all the above.

Bronze medal for Mont Jurra 1873 (Sculfort p 151) and Medal for Vizcaya 1874. I think are Carlist decorations. The face on the one is not of Alfonso XII. Alf. had no beard on his other medals. I have several, and he's a different looking King. What think you?

Sosa does not give these among the Spanish. Though Sculfort does.

Do not bother to write me this description before the Wilson sale. Later in the week will do. But I would like to have it before I come over for next month's meeting.

Pardon my bothering you. But if information comes satisfactory to me, I shall have to give the Society a medal or two in appreciation of your time and labours.

Very truly yours,

Harold C. Tillingham

With those  
are Carlist  
concerning the  
Alfonso XII  
which is not  
fulfilling



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

15 Nov 25

Dear Mr. Board -

55 donors  
23091

after Mr. Wilson's report will  
you at once know the amount of  
money received and when items  
you need are received.

As to 1049. I want this

& you may go to \$50.00 if necessary.

I think the Cincinnati badge will go  
way below my figure.

Sincerely  
to the A. N. S.

Harrold E. Gillingham

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November 19th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I bought for you at the Sale, the Annam gold medal at Forty-three Dollars (\$43.00), and the Franklin Fire Company at Nine Dollars (\$9.00). I did not get the Order of the Cincinnati. Chapman bought this for \$165.00. Mr. Browne advised strongly against my paying over \$100.00 for it, as he said it was of modern manufacture - presumably, about 1880; and he thinks that the New Jersey dies which are still in use today. Mr. Browne says he will do his best to see if he can locate one of these for you at a reasonable price.

We got all of the Indian Peace medals that we wanted, at about Two Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). Therefore, we have some money left over! I lost the Tammany medal as it came first, and I did not dare go higher than \$300.00. It sold for \$310.00. Wayne Raymond would have gone over \$350.00. It will probably go to the New York Historical Society. Had it come last, I expect I should have bought it.

I will get at your other questions either today or tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

29 November 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

Many thanks for the two medals which you bought. I am glad you did not go so high for the Cincinnati badge. Its not worth it. I regret that you did not get the Tammany medal.

Not knowing whether I was to pay Wayte Raymond direct for the two medals, or whether you buy them through the Transit Account, I enclose a check for \$52.00 and would ask that you fill in the Payable part. Either to the Society, or to Raymond, which ever is easier bookkeeping.

I congratulate you in your Indian Peace medal purchases. Hope you paid little for the Washington medal.

Very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



November 21st, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your favour with cheque at hand, and very  
many thanks for same. I will endorse the cheque  
over to the Society as we pay the bill to the  
Anderson Galleries.

Through your appealing reminder of dues, we  
have received the following;

S. H. Chapman .....	\$15.00
Dr. F.M. Dunn .....	5.00
Prof. Helen Tanzer ...	5.00

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21  
11.25-

Dear Mr. Good:  
Did I neglect to thank  
you for sending me the Spanish  
shirt? I do pardon me  
not accepting its proffer.  
I return it with the Spanish  
Cane. I hope you sent me and a  
copy of a letter I sent to the  
dealer re suggestion. Keep it  
for reference if the kids  
come and, send me the bill for  
same, what I may pay it.  
You are to be congratulated  
on your acquisition of Indian  
material. Now we will need  
some living Cases. Sincerely  
Harrold E. Gillingham

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

26 - November 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

I just missed some  
decorations & remembered I had  
left them with you for translation  
of the inscriptions. Will you  
kindly remember to give them  
to me, when I am ever again  
(I suppose about the 11<sup>th</sup>)

Yours very truly  
Harrold E. Gillingham

I've been busy lately on the  
Spanish and French Colonial  
mes.

December 1st, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We received yesterday from the Arabella E. Huntington Estate the cheque for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), which is the bequest left us by Mrs. H. E. Huntington.

I am taking up the price of the new swing-cases with the Cabinet maker, but he has made a mistake in his figures, so I cannot send them on to you right now.

I have here your two Comoro Decorations, but have been unable to translate a single word.

Very truly yours,

Curator



432 West Price Street,

Philadelphia.

5 December 1925

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Re-TAMMANY MEDAL.

Of course I shall abide by my enthusiastic offer. Oh! How foolish we are sometimes !!! Let me know when you want the money.

But here is a problem for the President to decide . The medal will stay in New York anyway. I believe in the Historical Society. Does the A.N.S. need it and want it, more than I want and you need some more Swing-cases ? I am willing to pay for the cost of one set of cases on one pillar, which will touch me to the tune of, from \$255. to \$318. according to which plan you accept. I will also agree to raise the money for the other set. For of course we would have to do two pillars at once.

I also want them up--if Council will permit--by the Annual meeting, should that be possible.

At the present time, I cannot see how I can afford the medal and the swing cases. My account has been wickedly hit of late. And entirely of my own doings. But tell Mr. President to decide which I shall do.

I expect to see you all next week.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*  
Harrold E. Gillingham

December 9th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We will hold off until we see you on Friday, with regard to the Tammany medal, etc. It would not go to the Historical Society if we did not get it - unless they bought it! Mr. Newell feels that it is a chance in a life-time, but it may not be necessary for anyone to underwrite it. If a certain medal which we are after, does not materialize.

The best thing will be to settle all of this when you are up here.

With best regards,  
Very truly yours,

Curator

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia

12 December 1925

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood :

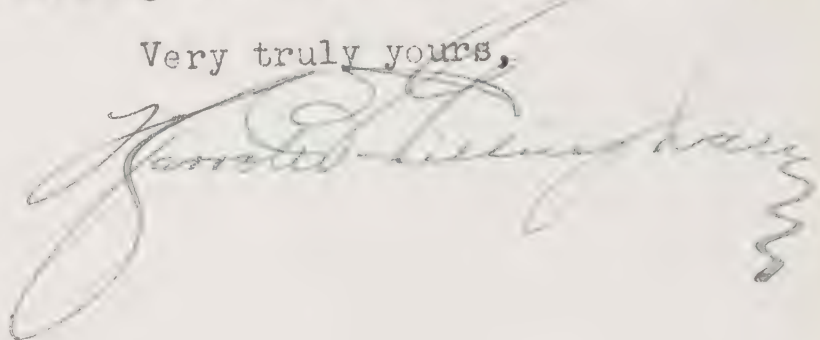
RE- SWING CASES.

I believe the Council approved the installation of additional Swing-cases on the two rear pillars. And the plan of three (3) cases on each pillar was adopted, and is about all I feel at this time I can afford or collect. What do you think of having the hinge bases of these made for four (4) swing-cases, and take one off of the back part of each pillar which we set the new ones on, (where I believe you now have five frames ? That would make four on two sides and five on the others. It might entail new hinge bases for the present five case bases; that is a detail the maker can settle. It is only a suggestion of mine, which would make the pillars balance better. Then someday when we have to enlarge our system, we could do the same with the other pillar swings, but it would only give us one additional swing case new, at some future time, on each of the front pillars. I merely suggest this and leave the settlement to you.

In the mean time, get the best out of it you can, and a lower price if possible, then order them made and set up as soon as you can, and this will be your authority that I agree to stand behind the cost, which, as I understand it, will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$511.00 for the three new cases on each of the two rear pillars.

Trusting I have made the matter clear, and with the assurance of my continued interest in the American Numismatic Society, and of the pleasure I have in working with its officers and staff, I am with kind regards,

Very truly yours,



December 15th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I will set about having the two groups of cases made with three swings to a group, but having four holes bored. I think this is a good solution, leaving the addition to further sets of swings to complete the group, for a later date.

Again, very many thanks for providing so amply for our decorations.

Very truly yours,

Curator



December 18th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am returning to you the rubbing of the gold Annamese medal. As near as I can make out, it is the Kim Boi. I have written on the enclosed, all I can find out about it.

I cannot translate two of the characters on the one side, as I cannot find these listed in any Chinese dictionary. They are probably Annamese characters unknown in Chinese.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood,  
New York.

21 December 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am still thinking of giving an illustrated talk on American Medals (to be worn) and want some slides of medals which you have in the Society's cabinets. Will you have your photographer make me photographs (or slides, 3, 1/4 by 4 inches-if he can) of the following-

The Queen Ann Medal

George 1 medal. Indian shooting deer.

George 11 medal (Betts 177)

Slides to show both sides of each.

The Washington Season Medals, all three on one slide, showing only the Season side of each.

The Kearney Medal of Civil war.

The Kearney Cross

I mean, of course, if you have these medals.

I have all the others I need, or can have them made here from photographs I have or will have taken from my own. I will surely let you know when I decide to talk. But it may possibly be in February. And I do want to be prepared. Please try and have these made so I can get them when I come over, by January 8th. Appreciating your help, I am,  
with the Compliments of the Season,

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

December 22nd, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed bill came the other day; and last Saturday the two medals arrived. Are these for us or for you? In either case, they are very "nifty", and I will hold them here until you come again.

With the Compliments of the Season,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

P.S.

Since writing the above, a letter and two packages have just come in from Baldwin, in answer to a letter which I wrote some time ago, at your request. They have sent over some more Orders of the Double Dragon - all slightly different from those which we already have. Suppose I hold them here until you see them! They, also, sent a list of various Collars which they have; I have checked those which the Society has, on the enclosed list. As they are all German, I imagine that you will not want to touch them.

I am enclosing the letter, invoice, etc.

December 30th, 1925

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have had photographed this morning all the medals which you wished done.

I think I can have the slides made at sixty cents (60¢) each.

I have put the Kearnsy medal and the Cross on the same slide.

I would have acknowledged this sooner but I was away over Christmas. I hope to have these ready for you when you come up next week.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
Dear Mr. Wood:

5 January 1926

I should have answered your letter of December 22 earlier. But I ~~expected~~ to get in to see you before this. As to the Baldwin bill, I think it nervy of him to send that Chinese stuff when we did not order it. At present I feel I should not obligate myself any further than I have agreed to, in the Swing-case account. And do not feel able to pay for them. As to the Collars, I am not interested in the new German stuff as you know.

I enclose the Bertrand bill and a check for its payment. I do not recall ordering anything from them when I was last there, but as it seems to be something needed for the cabinets and is in a line I am interested in--French Colonial- I gladly pay it. I thought I had sent you a Medal of Merit of Madagascar. ???

Have been laid up--housed, and in bed--with a gripy cold and bronchial trouble. Hope to be out tomorrow, and of course want to get to N.Y. Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

January 13th, 1926

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have been intending to write to you for several days, but have been very busy with the Annual Meeting, and Miss Earle has been entirely snowed under with Reports, proof, annual dues coming in, etc., etc.

I am sending the Decorations back to Baldwin which he sent over, accompanied, of course, by a nice letter.

The swing cases are being made, and I am keeping in touch with the Cabinet maker.

The two medals from Bertrand, I supposed you had ordered, so did not question them. They are different to that medal of Merit which you gave us some time ago. Of the two, we have already the silver but not the copper. I am holding these until you come up again. I have sent him the check as you requested.

I am awfully sorry to know that you have been laid up, and trust that by now you are again on your feet.

Under the head of New Business, we will take up the following:

We have sufficient coal to last us until February; and I have had Ruch order five tons of coke to mix with this coal. We will see how this combination works! It costs \$19.00 per ton - but we have got to have it! I have been thinking, that with our limited coal-bin which will hold but a half-season's supply of coal, and the gloomy prospect for reasonable coal in the future, we might consider the proposition of installing an oil-burner. I would suggest your making a note of this and taking up the matter with Mr. Eidlitz at the next Council meeting.

Ruch has complained for some time of the gas stove in his apartment. I think it is the same stove that was originally installed there - or when Ruch came to the Society twelve years ago. It is rusted and worn out, and Ruch says that it is now becoming dangerous. We do not own the stove, but have

Mr. H. E. Gillingham

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Jan. 13/26

been paying rent at the rate of eight dollars a year. If we get another, I think we should purchase it outright. For we have probably paid out more than the cost of the stove originally.

Mr. Newell gave us his cheque again for the American Journal Account. This closes the account. And as we may need a fund for publications not chargeable to the Monograph account, I have directed the bank to change the name of the Journal Fund to Printing Account.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Gifford, which I think will interest you. If you want to start anything at the next Council meeting, go ahead!

I am still between hay and grass as to what I am going to do, as the man has been sick and I have not seen him as yet.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

15 January 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks, for your letter of the 13th. I return Mr. Gifford's letter. I do not see that our Committee is asked to do anything. I prefer to keep out, for the present. I will look into the Bertrand Paris medal situation, when next in N.Y. The bill is paid and matter closed.

As to Coal or Oil for fuel, I think that is a matter which should be taken up with the Governors. In that way, it will reach Mr. A. J. H. and he probably has a similar situation for the Hispanic Society and others. It might be a good thing to have him install an oil fuel system for heat, to cover all the Museums.

As to Ruch's gas stove problem. Have an estimate gotten for a new stove-connected-and see what it will cost. Then bring it up to Council. But no larger stove than at present. Any of the Department stores, sell gas stoves and (here) they usually install them gratis. It strikes me that Ruch always has something to complain of. If not gas, its coal. If not coal its water. Heat, cold, dust or air. What's the matter? I would not ask him to look into stove question, but examine his and do it yourself.

I am afraid your "Printing Account" will be confusing. And that other items will get in it. When the Journal account is closed, its over. Where or when will we have another such?

Thank you, I am feeling better, but able to be in town only two hours today.

Sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

What do I owe for photo?





THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

January 16th, 1926

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I will look into the gas stove proposition as soon as I can. I may not be able to go downtown next week as Mr. Noe will then be away.

I am sending the <sup>slides</sup> films to you, and think they have come out very well.

Am enclosing a memorandum.

Very truly yours,

*Howard Wood*  
Curator

Dear Mr. Wood:

From your previous letter, I judge there is no great hurry over this subject. Let it go until you do happen to get into the "gas stove localoty".

Enclosed is check for photographing. Many thanks for your trouble. I await the receipt of slides.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*

February 13th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have postponed acknowledging the invitation to your lecture as I have been planning to come down. I find now that I am urgently needed at home on Monday as Mrs. Wood is having a, or rather landing, her house to a D.A.R. card party, and I am needed to put the establishment back in order that night. I hope that you will meet with great success, popularity and prestige in your talk.

We have just received a most valuable and interesting Indian Peace Medal - the gift of Mr. Newell and Mr. Pell.

You may remember that in the Phillip's Sale in England we secured a Louis XV medal, and another with Louis XV erased and George III punched in. This medal has "Georgius Rex Dei Gracia" and "1775" engraved upon it.

The swing-cases will be installed on Tuesday.

I have been unable to get at your list of German Decorations, to return to you. Every minute of my time has been occupied with emergency work which has been coming in.

Very truly yours,

Curator

February 16th, 1926

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing correspondence with a firm downtown with regard to a Turkish Decoration, which may or may not interest you. Through friends of mine, I have heard more or less about Bucknam Pasha who went to Turkey with Mr. Cramp.

Very truly yours,

Encls.

Curator

P.S. I am returning, herewith, the list of medals of which you offered to give us specimens. You will note that we have kept \$224.00's worth, and the grateful thanks of the Society and Curator is hereby tendered. I am holding the package here.

I understand that the last few lots in Elder's Sale, did not bring what they should. Why not try Hesslein?

H.W.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

17 February 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Newell will tell you (privately, of course) that you did not miss much in not hearing my talk on Medals. However, the ordeal is over. Many thanks for the list of German stuff. I have checked over your acceptances, on my list. What do you think of Max Mehl.? Does he have a market for such things, with some of the mid-west pro-German-Americans? Or you can send them to Hesslein, if you think that is a good place. Try Elliott Smith. He sometimes buys them. But take off any marks of mine, which he might recognize, though I doubt if he would recognize my handwriting on the labels. Do the best you can for the Society, and use the proceeds for purchasing other Decorations and War-medals. Hope the cases get set to your satisfaction.

The Buckman-Pasha decoration sounds like the Sheftakat. That's usually for women, I believe. It sounds interesting. I should like to see it, but it must be heavily jewelled to be worth \$100. They usually bring from 40. to 50. in gold and small diamonds. It's a sad case. My father knew Buckman, when he went to Turkey.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

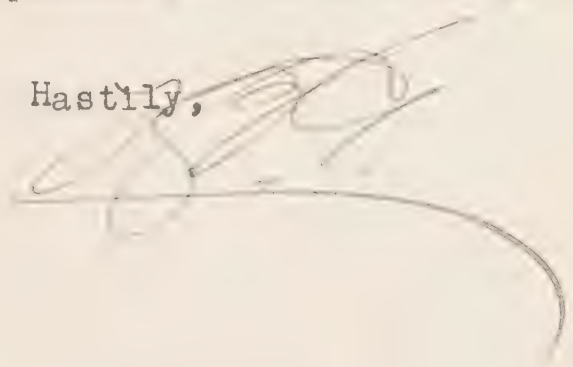
18 February 1926

Dear Mr. Wood.

Has the Society a publication  
HENIN. Which treats of French Revolutionary  
Medals ???? If so, could you spare it and send  
it on to me. I have a list of offerings, and  
only slightly described, but referred to Henin.

I may want to order some. Has the Society  
many Revolutionary pieces ??? I do not want to  
duplicate.

Hastily,



February 18th, 1926

Harreld E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The returned list and correspondence at hand. I did not appreciate the fact that you were going to give us all of the decorations and that we were to use the proceeds from selling duplicates, for other medals. Again, many, many thanks.

I will see what I can do with the Bucknam Pasha decoration.

While on the subject of historic decorations, perhaps the enclosed clipping will interest you.

I have been able to get but part of the cases set up, as they arrived with the wrong kind of pivots, and these pivot hinges have got to be made over.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curdor

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

19 February 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of the 18th. and the clipping of the wonderful sale of Napoleonic relics (?). For heavens sake, write to the Times and correct a sensational mistatement on the part of a dealer--F. Armont 200 Broadway. Why he can pull that "bull" over the papers, I fail to see.

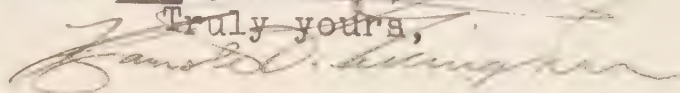
Will you tell me why Napoleon would be wearing decorations of the German states of Baden, Saxony and Wurtemberg. Even though in the Confederation of the Rhine, I doubt if he ever wore them or was even awarded them. He could not have worn the Crown of Wurtemberg, as it was not founded until 1818. The others were founded in 1807, save the Denmark Elephant. The latter might have been but I doubt it. Especially as the story is told by a German, of Worms. He must have them!!

Did you ~~never~~ read of, or see illustrated, any thing wherein Napoleon was wearing any decoration except those he himself had created. I cannot recollect him even wearing the St Louis, and he Might have revived that, had he wanted.

Answer the article! Give the German h----l. Its some fake dealer, wants to get rid of his junk and I suppose some boob will fall for the stuff.

Do what you think best with the stuff I left with you, sell it to the best advantage for the ANS, and credit my a/c with the net proceeds, not cost to me.

Truly yours,



February 19th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have sent to you the volume on  
Revolutionary medals by Henin.

We have a very fair collection of  
French Revolutionary pieces which are  
being augmented all the time. In fact,  
Mr. Powell is now having me send over  
about thirty bids for different pieces  
listed in Page's Catalogue.

Very truly yours,

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

24 February 1926

Dear Mr. Wood.

I received the "Henin" this afternoon, and checked up with a list I had; offerings from Florange-and find that I already possess all the decorations he offered. Henin includes many decorations, and I was under the impression you had few of the French Revolutionary period. Have you them in the steel cabinets in your room? I will look next time I come over.

Unfortunately, I had no idea the Henin was such a bulky book. You should not have allowed it to go out-even to the Treasurer. I had never seen it, that I remember, and I think it unwise for the Society to send such rare books away, or allow them to go out. There's too much risk. However, I hasten it back to you promptly. And thank you for it.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

February 27th, 1926

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter with regard to the Napoleonic relics at hand, and I have given some thought to it. If we should write to the Times or Arment, 107 Broadway, it would result in but giving publicity to these decorations. We might also get embroiled in unnecessary argument. Personally, I do not care to get mixed up in any more things just now!

I was speaking with Colonel Falls about the matter, and he said that it was his recollection that Napoleon had many foreign Orders. One collection that he had is now on view at Malmaison.

Although the Henin book is bulky, it is not especially rare, as it comes up in European catalogues all the time. I will check up your list with Henin when we get back the book.

When I wrote you that we had a number of the Revolution pieces, I was thinking more of the regulation medals than the decorations.

I expect all of the swing cases to be installed by this afternoon. The new pivot hinges have come and the man is now putting them up.

Did you receive word of the passing away of Frey on February 19th? I attended the funeral last Monday. de Lagerberg and I were the only representatives of his numismatic friends.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

3 March 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

I will be unable to aid you regarding the silversmith, JL. The reason being, that Mr. Prime whom I expected to see, died very suddenly this morning of pneumonia. He is the only one I know of in this city, who was "up" on old craftsmen.

I spoke to Mr. Newell about Robert Ensko, on Lexington Avenue near 57th. He might know.

The only Philadelphia silversmith working about 1793 was Joseph Lownes (I mean a JL) We had here, John Leacock 1751 John Lyng 1734, John Letelier, 1770 and Joseph Lownes, 1796.. But Lownes usually stamped J. Lownes; though that would have been too large for a medal. Set Belden on the hunt, and send him to Ensko.

Yours truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

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March 4th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand, and I will "sick"  
Belden on to looking up Ensko.

I am sorry to hear that Price died. He was  
a member of our Society, I think, about fifty years  
ago.

I have just received Baugard's bill for the  
swing cases. This is as they estimated - \$511.00.  
They said that they could make it no less as they  
lost money on the job - their man took five days  
to instal the cases when they figured on two days  
only. He said he would call us up if they could  
allow us two per cent off for prompt payment.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

8th. March 1926

American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

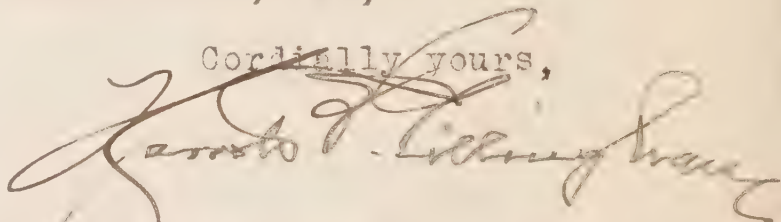
Gentlemen:

In accordance with my agreement with Mr. Wood, I enclose herewith check for \$511.00 in payment of the cost in the installation of the new Swing Cases, which I agreed to collect.

Inasmuch as I have other plans for "touching" members, I will pay this sum myself, hoping it will stimulate others to come across with greater things.

Hoping the new cases will soon be filled and that we will need others, I am,

Cordially yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written over the typed name and extends across the right side of the page.

I believe Mr. Wood has ordered the bill paid, so that this sum should be credited to the same account, from which the bill was paid.

March 19th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just gotten around to checking up the list of medals and decorations of the French Revolution, according to Hennin, and I am enclosing, herewith, my notes.

A few days ago, that decoration of Mrs. Bucknam was left here, and I have placed it in the vault to await your coming. It is the Order of the Chefakat, and is jewelled.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.



March 26th, 1926

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I want to thank you very much for the medal of the Sesquicentennial of the Women's Committee. This was sent to us the other day by Jennings Hood, and he has just informed us that this came to us through you. In return for which, I am enclosing the clipping of a new Spanish decoration!

I have been off the past week on Jury duty, and am just getting settled again.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

April 3rd, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just sent off to the Western Reserve  
Historical Society a list of the duplicate German  
decorations, in the hope that they may be glad to  
purchase them. I went through these pieces again  
and have taken out and added to our collection  
three more pieces, amounting to sixty-two dollars.

Very truly yours,

Curator

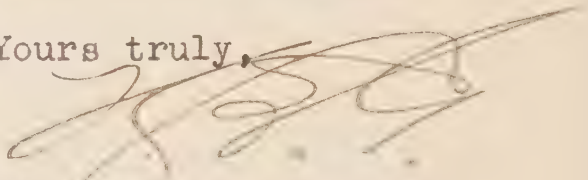
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

11 April 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

For the present please do not pass  
on to B.the information I gave you, about J.L.  
the Philadelphia silversmith. You may hint to  
him to hunt--if you wish--but do not tell him  
what I wrote you or copied from the Brix book, or  
the Philadelphia newspaper advertising. I see no  
reason why you or I should do his historical work.

Yours truly,



I forgot to tell you this yesterday morning  
when you spoke of going yourself to hunt up.

April 13th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Unfortunately, I handed Mr. Belden  
your letter before he tried to put one over  
on those present as well as the Society!

I suppose I shall have to carry on with his  
article and put in considerable time on it  
for the sake of the Society, but I am feeling  
very keen and joyous about it!

Very truly yours,

Curator



April 29th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The War Department has made a request for photographs of the old Polish Militari Virtuti Cross. The Society has but one small silver example. I am wondering if you would send us the different varieties in your possession in order that we may photograph them all. I only need the old ones of the Eighteenth Century and 1831. Should much appreciate it if you could do this.

Very truly yours,

Curator

P.S. I photographed the other day the three Indian Peace Medals, and have sent the negative to the Lantern-slide maker. I am enclosing a photograph, herewith.



THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

April 29th, 1926

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432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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*Howland Wood*  
Curator

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*These are all I have -  
I am Modern ones - Such  
as I have your H. E. G.*

*Rec'd  
April  
1926.*

April 30th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

As the winter is apparently over, Ruch and I have been going over the fabric of the building and needed repairs. He reports that the water pipe from the street main to the building is so plugged up that there is no pressure; also the pipe throughout the building, and especially the hot water piping being of iron, is pretty well rusted. Of course, as yet we are doing nothing about this, but I wanted to give you advance notice so that you could think it over.

The concrete sidewalk on 155th Street is showing the effects of the winter frost. I am having Ruch dig out the soft spots, and as we have cement and sand, I think that we can attend to this job alright.

The lock on the back door is falling to pieces, due to certain internal ruptures and ailments. I am looking up the new Yale lock, and will have that installed.

The outside iron-work was not painted last year and ought to receive attention this year. Ruch can do this at odd moments during the summer, with an expenditure for paint only.

The copper screens in the windows were so fastened in that it is difficult to remove them; consequently they have remained there winter and summer since the building was put up, I believe, and most of the screening collapsed during the past winter. I am looking round for a fine heavy gauge copper screening and both Ruch and I think he can insert it without an expense.

This is all the trouble I can think of at the moment!

Very truly yours,



EDWARD T. NEWELL  
PRESIDENT

SYDNEY P. NOE  
SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"NUMISMA" NEW YORK



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
TREASURER

HOWLAND WOOD  
CURATOR

TELEPHONE:  
WADSWORTH 7735

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

2 MAY 1936

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have yours of the 30th. April and note contents, in regard to certain repairs which seem necessary to the premises. It always seems to work out that as soon as we get some extra money we find things which MUST be done. A curious fatality!! But your description seems to prove the necessity. The lock, the painting of the iron work and the screens should be attended to promptly. But when the lock is taken apart, maybe it is only in need of adjustment. I had one where the symptoms seemed as you describe, and all it needed was adjustment. But get yours fixed, whatever it needs.

If the concrete walk is near where the water pipe lies, why not wait until you have the pipes repaired, as they may have to tear up the walk.

As to the water pipes, perhaps all your trouble is in the intake. I had such trouble two years ago, and had a new pipe put in to the street main. But I had it in lead. And while it will cost about 40% more at first, it pays in the long run. I would suggest that you try that, IF THE FLOW OF WATER SEEMS LOW AT THE FIRST OUTLET NOW. Maybe it will solve all your troubles. And when you get more pressure, you may find the hot water supply is ample for your needs.

I take it that you mean the water supply of hot water, not the heat system pipes.

And by the way, speaking of heating system. Do you ever have all the heating pipes emptied out of hot water, and drained well, then filled up again with clear water? I find it a good thing to do every year. It allows the particles of rust to come out, and clarifies the water for next winter. I believe you have a hot water heating system. Not steam.

From your account, I see no reason for waiting for the Council approval. Someone surely has authority to have necessary repairs made, and these seem necessary. And--as the Treasurer does not object--perhaps you better go ahead. I'll approve. But get some sort of estimate for the plumbing work.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*  
Treasurer



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

26 May 1923

Dear Mr. Wood.

My Photographer is Philip B. Wallace  
711 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. I have written  
him that you may possibly ask for some new prints  
and I would suggest that you send him back the ones  
you want printed. He did not number the negatives.

Also, you better give him the size of paper you  
are desirous of having. Tell him to print them on  
paper straight. Am sorry you contemplate holding  
back the monographs. There have been so few this ya  
year. I shall probably not be back until some  
time in October. With kind regards,

Very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

24 August 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Have you in the Society's cabinets,

a Token, about 25mm, in size, on obv. { Metropolitan  
rev. { 3masted ship  
Insurance Company

Marine & Fire  
Capital

\$1,000,000.

Assets

\$1,500,000.

108 Broadway

New York

1865.

*I do not know metal.*

A collector friend in England (of Insurance things) sent me a rubbing and I do not know of the piece or the Company. Have you any way of finding out what the piece was used for? The Company is not in business and I do not remember ever hearing of it.

I will appreciate what you can tell me.

Hoping you had a pleasant vacation and that you and all your family are well,

Cordially yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

August 25th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Bridge Gate  
Bellevue P.O.  
Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just returned from the Numismatic Convention at Washington which, on the whole, was a very profitable affair, and I learned several things of interest.

I am enclosing rubbings of four of the tokens of the Metropolitan Insurance Company which we have in our Cabinet. These come in brass and copper, and, for the most part, are not considered rare. You will note that one is dated 1852 and two are dated 1865, and one 1866, showing that the Company was in business for at least fourteen years. I know nothing of its history, and should judge that these tokens were simply advertising cards that were handed out quite freely, if the numbers now in existence are any indication. I doubt if they were used as money.

I had a most enjoyable month up in the mountains, and the whole family feels better for the change.

Very sincerely yours,

Enc.

Curator

August 31st, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a few photographs of some of the medals. These were the only ones that I passed out of the number recently photographed for us.

Mr. Noe has probably told you that we have decided to show these badges of the Peninsular campaign and later, four to a page. This is but a very slight reduction in some cases from those shown in Duenas' book.

The photographs enclosed are alright and I will start in on the cuts. A few little spots can be taken out of the oval and Amadeus medal. The Saint Hermenegilda medal I will straighten up the edge of the cross a trifle, and patch up a little the broken enamel. The two Carlist medals, taken from Irvine's book, came out much better than I thought. I was planning to do quite a little retouching, but really think I cannot improve them by so doing.

Very truly yours,

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

3 September 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

I just received the photographs. They had been sent to Germantown instead of here. Hence my delay in answering yours of the 31st.

If these photpgraphs were the only ones you passed, I feel sorry for the others. I am not stuck on these, but then I never did like photographs of medals or decorations taken with a white back ground. I think some New York photpgraphers had better come to Philadelphia and take lessons from my photographer, Phil. B. Wallace. It was he who photographed my Italian pieces for the other monograph. And he has made some wonderfully clear pictures of the Tunisian, Cambodian and Annamite decorations I have; and you know their variety of colour and enamel.

I know nothing of plate making. If the plate maker can produce a better plate from these white-background pictures, I have nothing to say. In fact as I am not paying for the monograph, I feel I have little to say, other than that the Society gets the very best results for its money. And thats for the Editors to see to. Hence I make no other suggestions or criticisms.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*and  
Publication  
Committee*

September 3rd, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am sending you, herewith, first proof of the four colour plates for Spanish Decorations. For first proofs, I think these are very good. I have, however, indicated a number of little changes, such as strengthening the green here and there, the blue in spots, and getting the purple ribbon a little bit bluer. Unless you see some vital necessary changes, you may keep these proofs.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

4 September 1926

Dear Mr. Wood:

I feel much encouraged over the four coloured plates you sent me for approval, and wish I could have encouraged you more over the others. With your suggestions as to touching up and adding colour, I think they will come out all right and only wish we had the means to have all coloured, But of course that is out of the question. I approve of these sent, and return the same herewith. I hope you liked the Sesqui-Centennial and High Street. Many say it is the most interesting place. Did you pick up any coins? Please tell Mr. Noe I expect to come over for the Council meeting next Friday and will try and come to the Museum first.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

September 23rd, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Bridge-Gate, Holicong P.O.  
Bucks Co., Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Matters have been going so poorly and wretchedly with the illustrations that I am driven almost to despair! I am going to get good results or "bust"!

I am enclosing two proofs of the colour plates, together with the first proofs sent you. Although to an unpractised eye, they may show but little difference, I think they will now come out very nicely. I told them to use a little richer yellow ink, not quite so "lemony".

The "L" that is missing in the word "Lealtad", they have promised to put in.

As we have several sets of proofs, you may as well keep these.

That last Spanish medal which you thought might be a good idea to reproduce as it is one of their most recent ones, the engravers wanted about \$18 or \$20 to retouch before making the plate. I have, myself, retouched it and will have it photographed, and will then send you the proof to see whether you think it will do to reproduce. This is the medal from the crude lithograph and the even poorer photograph.

I have just sent the Duenas' book to Wallace, to see how he can photograph those coloured illustrations. I was not at all satisfied with what was done here.. Let us hope and pray he will do a good job!

We expect Reilly home today, and Mr. Schulman is due in the U.S. on Saturday. No word as yet from Noe - but, then, there is little reason why we should hear. He is probably well occupied.

Very truly yours,

Encs.



September 25th, 1886

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Holicong P.O.  
Bucks Co. Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am sending you, herewith, proofs of half-tones of the medals made up to the present. So far, so good! These, you understand, will be sprinkled throughout the text.

The Cross of Merit which is composed of four swords and which you wished to have illustrated, should, I think, be made without that ribbon back of it. On the board of Captain Macdonald's medals, this was pinned to a ribbon which did not strike me in any way as being correct. Please let me know if you want to include the ribbon.

I am now putting the captions under the proofs sent to you.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Curator

"Bridge-Gate"

Holicong, Bucks County.

Pennsylvania.

28th. September 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letters of September 23rd. & 25th. I did not answer the first, about the coloured plates, until I had news of your success with Wallace's photographs from the Duenas book. Unfortunately, I have not been in town to see Wallace, and talk about the method of photographing, but presume you covered that in your letter to him.

As you say, the yellow is too "lemony", in fact most of the ribbons appear to me to be light. Though the general printing later may remedy the defects shown in samples. If they can put in an "L" in "Lealtad" it will come all right. I hope you make a success of that late medal, with your retouching of the cheap print.

I agree with you about the Cross of Saint Ferdinand being shown without the ribbon. I too felt that ribbon was not right, though it is as Spink sold it to me.

I return herewith the proofs of the half-tones you sent me and I suppose these are as good as the plate maker can get them. Or is it the fault with some of the pieces being poor specimens, soft metal and worn? None of them strike me as being sharp and clear. Surely they do not come out clear like the coins in other monographs. Nor like other publications.

In putting the captions under the proofs, do be careful and note the grade of the decoration. Do not let us have errors similar to the French monograph. Maybe it might be better to leave off the grade, and simply note the name of the piece.

Please remember me to Mr. Reilly if he comes to the Museum. Though I suppose he will soon want to "unload" all his finds for the Society.

Very truly yours.

Very truly yours.

*James D. Cunningham*

My typing is bad today, as I hit my index finger with a hammer, and I am not expert with others.



September 29th, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Holicong P.O., Bucks Co. Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand. I appreciate what you say about the cuts. I think that they compare favorably with half-tone cuts made in Europe. Notice those in the various English books - they are good, bad and indifferent. The bulk of the decorations illustrated in French, German and other publications are copper-plate engravings, lithographs or drawings. At any rate, they are all drawn by hand. In countries where men who can do this kind of work are plentiful/<sup>they</sup>are far cheaper than here. We are pretty well precluded from using this method on account of the cost.

In the color-plates I would prefer, of two evils, to have the colours a trifle light than a little too dark. As a rule, when these color-plates go on the press, they come out darker than the engravers' proofs, as the paper is a little more absorbent and takes more of the ink.

I will make the Cross of Saint Ferdinand without the ribbon; and I will send you a photograph within a few days of the piece retouched.

I think, on the whole, that it would be better to have the captions without the Grade, because we are really illustrating the Order and not going into details. If you prefer to have the Grade mentioned, please let me know at once. I note that you, yourself, seem somewhat to be in doubt with regard to the matter.

Wallace has sent me a few photographs - and they are excellent! I am having him photograph the rest of the things, both in Duenas' book and all of those that we are taking from the decorations themselves which go four to the page.

Noe may blow in on Monday or Tuesday, and then he will disappear again for a month.

I am sorry to learn that you have injured your index finger with a hammer. There is something about the average index finger that attracts a hammer. A while ago, when I was repairing some fly-screens, I deliberately hit my finger and not the tack.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

30 September 1926

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have yours of the 29th. and note what you say about the cups.

I do not care to have the GRADE of the decoration named.

It is good that Wallace's photographs were satisfactory to you. You need not send me any cuts made from them, if you, yourself are satisfied with them. It only makes delay, and if you are doing the best that can be done, I can add nothing more to that. I always felt Wallace made better photographs than your New York plate man. Are you going to send the pieces on to him to photograph from direct?

I am anxious to know what plunder Mr. Reilly brought the Society !!!

My remembrances to all,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



October 1st, 1916

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
Bridge-Gate  
Hollisong P.O., Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have sent to Wallace all of the remaining medals and illustrations from the books, to make; and it is now up to him to see how quickly we can get them.

I believe Mr. Reilly will be here today. I have spoken with him two or three times over the telephone, but so far have not seen him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

18 October 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I stopped at Wallace's studio today, to see how he had succeeded in getting the Spanish photographs completed for you. Much to my surprise, I found none had gone forward. Wallace, himself, was away for the day, and I told his clerk that you were in a great hurry for them, and to please have Mr. Wallace get right at them and forward to you just as soon as possible. I shall try and get to see him tomorrow, and hope to see Wallace personally.

I suppose you have received the Raymond catalogue for the WILSON SALE. Probably you will attend the session. There are three items I want. I cannot get over to see them, get to the Society, and attend the Council meeting on Friday, so will ask you to bid them in for me. Leaving to your judgement, what to pay. They are,-

813-Madagascar. Gold military medal of Radama II.

I never heard of this piece, and want it,

814. Siam. Gold military order. This may be the old Order of the Crown, but sounds good. I suppose it is not the Elephant.

817. Japan. 10 pieces, I have but two of Japan, and suppose these may include about all. However, if they go cheap, get them. Maybe the Society does not have them.

But 813 interests me more than the others. If you attend, will you please buy these for me. Sincerely,

*Did you get the Glen Dining Catalogue of the Mortbaga Sale - Nov. 18 - Some good pieces.*

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Oct 20, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am very glad to get your letter. I have been bodeviling Wallace of late to hurry up with those photographs as we have to put some work on them in mounting them up. I heard from him the other day, stating that he would finish up the job and send it to us this week. If not too much trouble to you, you might stop in again before the week is over and see what he has done. I certainly hope that the class of work will repay for his delay. He evidently has been extremely busy.

I have not yet got the Wilson Sale Catalogue, and I will call up Wayte Raymond to see why he is holding out on us. He probably is sending us an illustrated catalogue, which takes longer to get out.

I certainly will do all I can to help you get those lots. I don't remember seeing a Glendenning catalogue.

Things are going along smoothly here.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Dear Mr. Wood:

21st. October 1926

I have a promise from Wallace, that he expects to spend all day tomorrow on your work, and hopes to be able to mail you the photographs by Saturday. He has been awfully busy, and vows he has done no new work, since your stuff arrived. So, if you do not receive the pictures by Monday, drop me a line, and I will get after him again. It is a pity that you did not start with him earlier, and not attempt to try the New Yorker. There was the same trouble and delay in getting out the French book. Now the Spanish has been delayed two months because the plates were not ready in time.

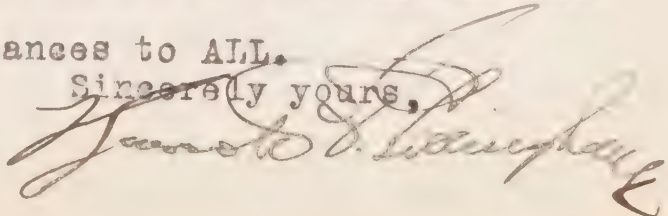
I hope to get over to see the Wilson stuff, when on view, but am afraid I will not be able to stay for the sale, as those things I asked you to get, are at the end of the second day's sale. There are other English medals at the beginning of that day, which make my mouth water. I shall have to go over my bank balance, to see how many I can afford.

The Glendining catalogue was sent me in advance, (by Spink). The sale is about the 20th. November.

Some coins, and the Montague collection of medals, with some 'Indian' stuff, and one from the Hunter sale. You get the priced Glendining catalogues, and I thought you might have received the advance one of the sale.

My remembrances to ALL.

Sincerely yours,





November 2, 1926

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
423, Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was down to the Anderson Galleries yesterday afternoon and looked at the medals.

813, the Madagascar medal, appears to be the real thing. It is a small gold medal. The Siamese one, 814, is a plain, round, small gold medal, with a crown and two umbrellas upon it. It apparently corresponds with the medal for sciences and arts, similar to the one in Martin's book, page 469, and the ribbon also corresponds exactly.

In Lot 817 there were several Red Cross medals. Some are alike, three I think of the Russo-Japanese War, and one or two others. One I am sure is the medal for Formosa.

As these come up on Thursday, I think you will have time to let me know whether and how much you would like to have me plunge on these.

Yours very truly,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

13 November 1926

Dear Mr. Noe:

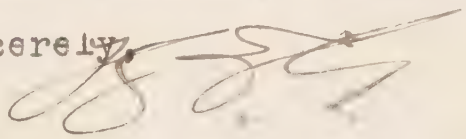
*tell*  
I forgot to ~~advise~~ Miss Spencer. Will you be so kind as to advise her about entering on Member's Cards, the amount of Contributions. I think Mr. Smith's \$250. of yesterday is the only contribution--other than value of coin gifts, which of course Wood should see are added to Cards, *since she came*. Smith is already a Patron, This makes \$350 cash given this year.

Have written Mr. Garrett, suggesting that he pay his delinquent 1926 dues, by becoming a LIFE Fellow, and incidentally, that will put him in the Patron Class. If he writes to me, open the letter, and answer it. I also wrote the Central Union, to send me the amount of Income they have taken in for October, so I may use it for the Society Meeting on Saturday, and add it to my balance, as shown on the report to Council yesterday. If that comes, keep it for me, please.

You left the By-Laws on the table, and the order of business, so I brought them home with me, Will bring them over Saturday.

I hope the buzzing I felt squelched yesterday, and that the Council was NOT with him, in his stirring-up-trouble-suggestions. I simply could NOT keep quiet, although I realized after, that I talked too much.

Sincerely,

Am paying up for it today,  
I have the lumbago !!!! 

November 16, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432, West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I delayed answering your letter of the 13th pending a possible word from Mr. Barrett, which has not come.

I passed on your message to Miss Spencer and note what you say about the By-laws you are bringing with you. Sorry you are troubled with lumbago.

I think there is no reason to be disquieted over Saturday's amendments - Mr. Smith telephoned Mr. Wood that he was going to write Mr. Felder suggesting that he withdraw his amendment.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,

December 14, 1926

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for calling my attention to errors on some of the labels of decorations. I am immersed in a lot of extra work just at the present moment, and the first chance I get will look out these. I do remember that I was bothered at the time about that Paraguay medal. I have one or two others of Bolivia-Peru I have not put out as I was not sure which side issued them.

I am afraid I can give you no good authority on the South American stuff. I have had to rely, for the most part, on European auction catalogues, and you know as well as I do that they are not always authoritative.

I was sorry to have missed you last week. I took Thursday off so as to be right on the spot to see you Friday; but you fooled me this time!

Very truly yours,



Howland Wood - Curatorial

Gillingham, Harrold Edgar

[ANS Treasurer

Philadelphia, PA]

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

28 January 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

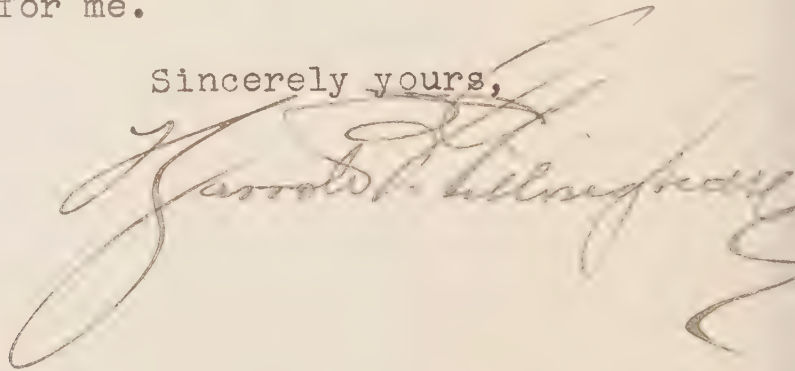
Did you ever see or hear of a medal by the ARCTIC CLUB OF AMERICA, Sept. 23-1909, gotten up to present to Dr. F. A. Cook, after his supposed discovery of the North Pole? Of course it never was presented. Telephone the Medallion Art Co please, and see what information you can obtain.

Who, what and where is the Arctic Club of America?

Did you know of any other medal they might have gotten up?

Hope I am not giving you too much trouble, and beg to thank you in advance for what you can find for me.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping loops.

*Mr. Wood*

January 29, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have heard that you have been ill and I trust that you will speedily recover from such a state of affairs. I called up both the Indian Museum and the Geographical Society concerning the Arctic Club of America. They are looking it up for me and will report later. The impression is that it did exist but has either gone out or is pretty nearly dormant, especially since its Secretary, Bridgeman, died, which was a year or so ago.

I am writing the Medallion Art Company what they know about a medal. I am sending your rubbing of the only numismatic evidence we have of Dr. Cook! which Elder got out at the instigation of Frank C. Higgins at the time.

I am enclosing a letter from Monsieur Salles. Please return it eventually, as I have not answered it. You will note he speaks of three new French Decorations and wants to know if he should get some offers. I will tell him to do this unless you have put in an order. Also, shall I have him send us two sets, one for you and one for us? I will try to be on the lookout for additional Victory medals for him that he mentions. Have you any that you could send him? Also, I will try to dig up some buttons. I do not think we have any extra ones about the place. The clasp group you will have to look after yourself.

I was looking into the question of the Greenville Treaty and the Greenville medal. Have you come to any conclusions concerning the statement in the Pennsylvania Society? My own theory is that it was some special medal; that the bulk of medals given to Indians at this Treaty was the regular 1795 medal, because a number were given out. Anthony Wayne distributed them at the conclusion of the Treaty. Therefore, they must have been the stock 1795 medals, of which there a number in existence, and

there was no especial occasion to give out these medals anywhere else that year. Now the unique one in the Historical Society having the date on it must have been made later, either as a sample or for some special bestowal. The Quakers sent a message to these nations assembled at this Treaty, together with some presents, but other than the bare mention of fact, I do not know what the message or the presents were. Could the presents have been medals?

Will write you if I hear anything more about the Arctic Club.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia,

31 January 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letter of the 29th. about the Arctic Club Medal and hope you can find out something from the Medallion Art.

As to Salles letter. It rather puzzles me. I wrote him on 6th. September returning his documents about the Sedan pieces, as he had no other copy. I have a carbon of my letter, but it was not sent registered.

I sent you-for the Society's records, a carbon of the thing he sent me. Will you please have the clerk copy it from that sheet and return to me as early as possible. It was all in French, and I suppose she can readily copy it--there are about 4 pages-as I remember it.

I shall write Mr. Salles at once, on receipt of copy from you and explain to him that I sent it before.

As to Salles request for the Victory Medals. I have no duplicates at the present time and will be on the lookout. Nor have I of the buttons. If you have no means of getting them, perhaps I might be able to find some here. My recollection is that I found most of my Victory medals and buttons in a pawn-shop on Third Avenue, near Tenth St. at the S.W. Corner. But it was several years ago.

As to the Greenville Medal, I have found nothing out, except how it came into the possession of the Historical Society, which I sent to Belden. And to whom it was given. I think too, it might have been a special gift of Wayne's to Tarhee, the Chief of the Wyandots, who was the first to sign the Treaty of Greenville.

If you will ask Salles to send two sets of the new French medals to you, I will pay for both and send him check, if he tells you the cost of them. What is the Medaille des Evades? I never heard of it. Perhaps he can tell when authorized and for what purpose awarded. I never heard of a medal for the Escaped prisoners. Is it that?

I return Salles' letter and hope it will not get lost.

Very truly yours,

Harold T. Linsley

February 2, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

So far the only thing I have discovered about the Arctic Club medal is that the Medallie Art Company have never made one. Mr. Powan was going to let me know what he had found out about the Arctic Club, but has not called me up since. I will get after both him and Mr. Wright today.

Mr. Noe has been laid up with a bad cold since Saturday.

I am herewith enclosing the document you sent me about the Sedang pieces. I have had a copy made for ourselves.

I will scout around for victory medals, but they are not plentiful just now. I will also write Salles to send me two sets of the medals you mention. I suppose those Evades medals must be given to escaped prisoners of war.

Yours very truly,

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia

29 March 1927

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society.  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

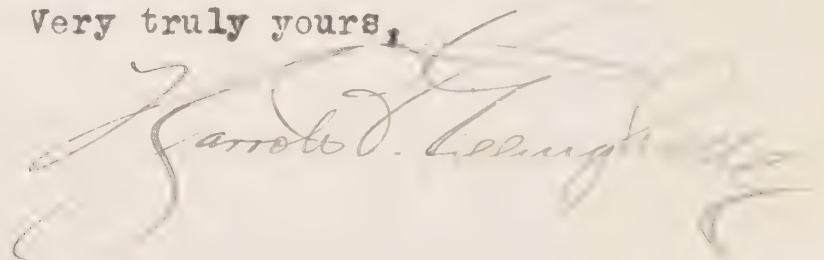
I have a nice letter from Mr. Perez-of Manila-in regard to the Spanish Medal monograph. He sends some rubbings of pieces which he has-some of which I did not include (but only one I think), and he wants to exchange what duplicates he has for the United States Spanish-American War Medals, Or States Medals for same service. Have you any duplicates? I think I have a few, but when at home (am at office now) will look them up.

In the mean time look up yours, of both classes, and also see what he mentions in enclosed letter--and rubbings- as to which you need. I shall write him, send him all duplicates we can gather together, and ask him to send us two sets, both of exchanges and purchases, for your cabinets and for mine. Even paying for any we cannot exchange.

Be kind enough to return his letter and his rubbings to me. I shall have no time to attend to the matter before Thursday anyway, and you may as well be getting out your side of the matter.

Thanking you for your attention, and with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold D. Laughlin". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized, with long, flowing lines.



March 30, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa..

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am sending you under separate cover the three recent French medals that I wrote Andre Salles to procure for us. These Bacqueville has just sent over to us in duplicate together with the bill, which, if I remember correctly, you said you would stand for.

I have been corresponding with Perez and had already written him that I did not have any of these Spanish American War Medals, either governmental or state, that he wanted, nor do I know where to pick these up off hand. They seem to have pretty nearly disappeared from the horizon. We have through his instrumentality, the Philippine Constabulary Medals' dimensions. There are both new and old forms of these. They are downstairs in our case.

I am herewith returning his letter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl..



April 2, 1917

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa..

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

If you have not paid Faguseville's bill, hold up for a while as I have just received a letter from Salles stating he was going to pay it and send the bill to me.

The medals for the Evades are for those French soldiers that escaped from German and Turkish prisons. Salles is still anxious to get some of our Victory medals with clasps of French engagements.

C. S. Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

4 April 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

I had already sent a check to Paris for the medals. Did so on Saturday last. I have traid at all my old haunts for Spanish War Medals for Perez, and saw not even a Victory. Now the only place I know is the N.Y. or Boston pawn shops.

Sorry I cannot help Salles.

I even went to Bailey, Banks & Biddle--who made the Spanish War Naval medals, to see if I could buy new ones for Perez. They cannot sell them without a permit and I know no one in the Navy who has authority to give the order. For one collector to trade with nother collector.

If you get down Third Avenue, along about 9th. to 12th. Sts. there are several pawn shopw. Perhaps they might have some U S medals. I have gotten them there and never found them along 6th. Avenue shops.

Yours truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

19 April 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

The Editor of a Boston Magazine sends me the enclosed photograph of a supposed "Washington Indian Medal". What think you of it?

I think I may possibly see the piece, as "Camp at the Hayloft shop" is not far from this city. I had heard Camp had a Washington medal, but my informant knew nothing of such things and I doubt if he had seen it.

Please return letter and photograph to me at once, that I may answer Mr. Keyes. I will, in the mean time try and see Camp and get a look at the piece-also a copy of the photograph, if possible.

What should the thing be worth? Camp is no cheap guy, in the antique line.

Hastily,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*What is  
the value  
of the medal?*

April 20, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter gave me a jolt and a surprise because up to within a few months ago, our specimen of the 1789 medal was the only one known. For this we paid Chapman \$325 seven or eight years ago. A few months ago a second one turned up which Wayte Raymond bought from Elder for \$375 and which he was hoping to get \$1500 for. I hardly think he will get anywhere near this price. Now the third specimen has come to life. I certainly would go to see it and try to get a rock bottom. I think I could negotiate the purchase of it if we could get it reasonably. Also if you do see it, see whether there is a loop on the top. It should have one. Also find out as much of its history as possible.

The two known specimens came from the South and I think all of this date were given to Creek Indians during the negotiations with them carried on in that year. From the half-tone it looks like a fine specimen. I certainly would like a reproduction of the medal. Don't broadcast its rarity too much yet a while. The strange face that Keyes asks about at the foot of the Goddess is easy of explanation. America is undoubtedly typified as Minerva by the snakes on the helmet, the Medusa head on her shoulder and her shield, which is also the medusa head.

We have been having men figure on painting the interior and I have gotten some figures for the grill. When I get the last figure in, we will start work. I have been away for a few days up in Boston.

Very truly yours,



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

21 April 1927

Mr. Howland WoodmCurator,  
American Numismatic Society.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood.

RE 1789 INDIAN MEDAL.

I thank you for your letter of the 20th. and on receipt thereof, went at once to Camp's shop-The Hay Loft-to view the piece and obtain a price and option. Camp was away-and for personal reasons I kept my identity unknown. Mrs. Camp showed me a photograph of the medal, which is about 4 inches high. The medal has a loop attached to the upper part of the rim. At present it is in New York on approval-at "Mr. Garvin's" -whoever he may be. She does not think he will buy it, and it may soon be back. I am to telephone Camp tonight or tomorrow, to obtain his price, which she says is something above \$1,000. she is not sure what he is asking for it.

This may possibly be the one Raymond had. Better ask him.

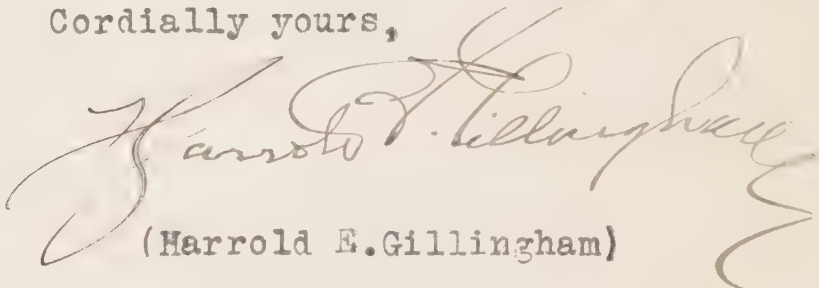
Mrs. Camp said he had the history of it, but she did not know where he had it. In fact she apparently was not certain of its price, and was sometime before she found the photograph to show me.

While you do not say that your 1789 medal is like this, I take it from your description it has the female figure, and not that of the Immortal George. This is the first I ever knew of one having the figure of Minerva engraved thereon. I had supposed they all had Washington's figure. And did you notice the "G. Washington President"? Not George as the Historical Society of Penna's medal has.

I note your remarks of having "Men figure on painting". Are you not going to have the walls washed? I was under the impression that the Council authorized the "washing". Won't painting be much more expensive?

If I can procure a photograph will send you one.

Cordially yours,



(Harrold E. Gillingham)

April 22, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and it looks to me now as if the medal at Camps might be the one Wayte Raymond had. He has gone to Europe but just before he went he called me up for what information I might have concerning the 1789 medals and said he was sending it off to an antique dealer to sell for him. This sort of ties up Raymond's medal and this medal. If it is Raymond's medal the price is bound to be over a thousand dollars because I do not think Raymond would let his go at least yet a while under that price. Any price like that is far too high for us.

The history of Wayte Raymond's medal was that it was found near an old saw mill some where in Georgia. Both of the 1789 medals show Columbia or a female figure instead of Washington. Raymond's was almost identical with ours. The shield on ours is absolutely oval, on his the snakey locks break up the oval line as on the photograph you sent me.

Mr. Widlitz simply asked us to get figures on painting, so as to compare with figures on washing, as he probably wanted to find out the difference in the two methods.

Very truly yours,

HW:MB

Curator

April 30, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just heard from Sales, and Backueville has paid him back the money he had paid them for these decorations, so everything is all right now. Have you found out anything more about that 1789 Indian Peace medal?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB



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AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

29 May 1927

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator  
The American Numismatic Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The circular regarding the Indian Peace Medal article by Mr. Belden rather interested me, from a financial standpoint, and how the matter is to be financed. Perhaps I have missed something or else forgotten it. Will you be good enough to advise me on the following items.

How much has been donated towards the publication of this article and by whom?

What is it going to cost, complete, including the circular? Do you charge the mailing of these "specials" to the fund, or does General Fund pay the cost of delivery?

Who ordered the beginning of the printing before we had all the money therefor in hand?

What fund are you placing the subscriptions in?

Mr. Noe wrote me that you had about 50 copies subscribed by Members, which means \$200. and I am fearful that the Libraries and Historical Societies will not take more than 20 Copies--if that many--and we may be left "in a hole" in the printing thereof, as \$300. added to the subscriptions to the fund--as I understand them--will not cover the cost. And General Fund is not to be drawn on for this.

Thanking you for what information you can give me, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*  
Harrold E. Gillingham.  
Treasurer.



May 31, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

In reply to your query of May 29th concerning the status of the "Indian Peace Medal" book, I think I can jog your memory to this extent. Mr. Woodin sent in a check for \$500 and Mr. Kidlitz for \$200. This money is in our possession and is entered under Printing Account, the special account started for "Spanish Decorations" or any other special printing items. As for the costs, the printer figured a little over \$300. Therefore, allowing for author's corrections and other incidentals, this bill ought not to be over \$400. The illustrations have been approximately figured at \$350 and should be very close to that figure. Other incidentals such as photographing and etc. are approximately \$25. The circulars cost about \$40., and postage about \$14. The charges for mailing should come out of this printing fund.

After a meeting of the Publication Committee, I was directed by this committee and by Mr. Newell to proceed with the printing. I have this data somewhere but cannot put my finger on it right now. This, I think, was informally reported to the Council at the April meeting and was reported definitely at the May meeting. The subscriptions are placed in this printing fund. We have up to date orders for 67 copies. I cannot see how we are going to be in the hole with this publication, especially as one of our very good members said he would underwrite any deficiency. Mr. Newell gave me positive orders some time ago to go ahead with this printing and was very clearly under the impression that either he, I or we told you of this.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

1 June 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

Many thanks for your letter of the 31st. explaining the income and cost for the Belden Peace Medal article. Its quite satisfactory. I had overlooked Mr. Bidlit's subscription and thought the cost was to be over \$1,000. It looks from your figures as if we would break even.

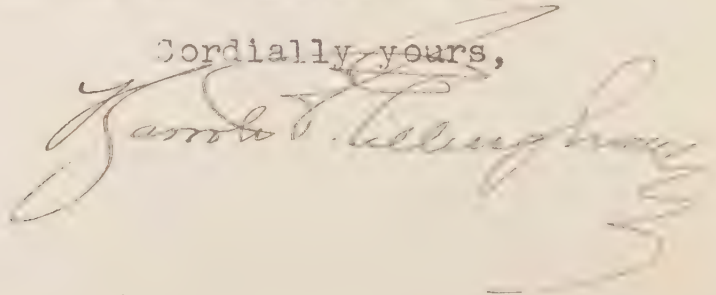
Please tell Mr. Noe that I took pity on him and the library and sent him two parcels of books yesterday which I trust will keep the Librarian in good humor for a while. Maybe in my clearing of shelves I can find others he wants.

We go to the country on Monday next. And my address will be,

"Bridge-Gate"  
Holicong,  
Bucks County,  
Penna.

Kind regards to all and thanks for your letter.

Cordially yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

8 June 1927

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Baldwin send me a catalogue of the Peltzer collection to be sold by Glendining on June 20-24. I have ordered him to bid on ten or twelve items, and if successful, to send them to the Society and the bill to me. I want some of these for my own collection, and to verify in my monograph mss. on Latin American Metals. So if I am successful, I trust you have no trouble with the Customs, and kindly send them on to me when they arrive.

I have bid £ 3-10-6 on Medina's Monedas & Medallas de Chile. 1901 Hope we secure it.

With kind regards,

Very truly,

Harrold E. Gillingham

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

9 July 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have heard from Baldwin about the bids I sent him for things from the Peltzer Sale at Glendinings. I secured but three medals and he is to send them to the Society. I got items.

938 Brazil & 1041 Chile. When these come will you please send them on to me here.

Tell Mr. Noe that I bid H-3-10-6 on item 1362 Medina's Medallas Chilenas and it went for 3-15-0 I have two feelers out for this elsewhere, and still hope for it.

I bid on 16 items of the Boyth American decorations and secured but 2 lots. Disgusting. #342 sold for 10 pounds 940 5 guineas, -1269, 12 Pds. 1270 7 Pds. !!!!!!!

Hope you are getting along all right with the painting and cleaning.

Kind regards to all,

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

4 August 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

A letter from Mr. Pell about the Gates portrait with Indian medal, received this A. M. says-

"I think the medal on the Gates engraving is meant to be the one which he received from Congress. The original, I think, is in the New York Historical Society (He means engraving, not medal?) It may show Burgoyne surrendering his sword. I don't know. I haven't seen it in a long time. Will look it up some time and let you know."

I thought this might give you a pointer. The illustration shows an oval medal. That given by Congress was round, and not to be worn on the person. 'ceat pas? But the figures on this medal are undoubtedly men in uniform, as coat tails show on both. Do you see his Bulletin of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum? If not, write and ask him for one.

I hope your Assistant is satisfactory and that you have managed to answer 36 of those 150 letters awaiting your return.

Sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

August 8, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Helicong P.O., Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Sir:Gillingham:

We do receive the Fort Ticonderoga bulletins. I have looked carefully at the Gates portrait there and think this engraving is in the same class as many other engravings of the time, that is, not strictly accurate. The medal seems to be a combination of Indian Peace medal and the round medal awarded Gates by Congress for the figures certainly look alike on the reverse of the Gates Medal. Gates probably put a loop on his medal and wore it. The person, we will say, painting his portrait, saw and drew the medal in perspective. The engraver slipped up and drew an oval medal.

Robertson has been here a week now and has been a great help. The painters start in Wednesday and promise to be through a week from Saturday.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

August 11, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Enclosed is letter from the Bank  
just this minute received.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

18 August 1927

Dear Mr. Wood.

If the Society needs one of these ~~Lin~~  
Lindberg medals in their cabinets, order it from  
Florance and I will pay the freight (as well as  
cost of medal).

Did you get the price list of the  
Essling sale from Florance. Some of the items  
surprised me, the enormous prices they brought.

Have you heard from, or of, the Presi-  
dent this summer? I wrote him a short note a  
month ago and while it did not require an answer,  
I thought it might be a hint to drop a post card  
to the Treasurer.

Glad to hear you are progressing so  
nicely with the painting,

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham



August 19, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have two of the Lindbergh medals,  
one from Mr. E. D. Adams and the other from Salles.

I have not seen the price list of the  
Essling sale. Noe may possibly have it, but he is not  
yet in. I do know this that the prices must have been  
terrific. I sent bids amounting to a number of thousand  
franks and got just two lots - lots I wanted the least.

I have seen very little of our President  
this summer. As you know, at the best he is not much of  
a correspondent and even less so in the summer time.

The painting is going along but slowly.  
They have done most of the gallery and Newell's room. I  
think they will be about two weeks more.

I am going to run up to Hartford to the  
Convention over Sunday and Monday. I don't see how I can  
get off any longer.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

21 August 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

Did you secure the Linberg medal from Paris. If you have not already done so, will you secure one of the Metallic Art's medals of Linberg (or have them send it) and send it to Jules, with my compliments. Advising the cost of medal and transportation, for which I will remit. I know he likes all things pertaining to France.

Am sorry you missed so much at the Baseline sale. I too, lost most the articles I bid on. I secured the Ferdinand medal of Merit, but lost the large Society of St George, which was unique.

Don't you think it would be well to have the selling catalogue, with dates and price list made? I will have mine done, and pay for yours if you and Joe think well of the plan. He will, I know, agree to anything which asks one offers to donate to the Library account !!!!!

Hope the painting is progressing to your satisfaction. Hope you enjoyed the convention.

Yours truly,

Harrold E. Gillingham

August 25, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Noe tells me he is having the Essling catalogue bound. He showed me the other day a letter from you, and I note that you have come to the same conclusions that I have concerning the interest from the \$100,000 Mr. Huntington gave us.

According to the books kept at the bank and which will appear in our annual report, we will derive this year, \$1643.07. We have and will spend during this year over \$1200, the assistant's salary for the year being \$800.00. Other expenditures have been for furniture, grill, electrical work and other items about \$350.00. This will leave, you will see, approximately \$400 for the balance of the year. Some of this will be used for photographing. If you deduct from this amount \$2455.00, which hitherto has been transferred from Publications to General Fund, you will have a large book deficit, which will have to be adjusted each year. I see by your letter that you are aware of this. We can talk this over the next time you come up.

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From 1928 on, I make the income to be \$5375.00, deducting \$2455.00 is \$2820. The assistant's salary at the present amount is \$800.00, leaving a balance for a raise or the hiring of a special worker, photographing and other expenditures \$740.00 a year.

The painters are finishing up slowly and I hope will be out at the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

27 August 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have received and read with great interest the INDIAN PEACE MEDALS just issued by the Society. A letter of congratulations has been despatched to Mr. Belden, but I cannot allow time to pass without congratulating you on the excellent work you did on that manuscript. I can see your hand throughout, and readily understand what you encountered when first the material was turned in.

It was well deserved thanks he gave you in the Preface. But with it all, the publication is an excellent production and I wish the Society were able to produce more on American Numismatics.

I had no idea there were so many Indian Peace Medals in other museums and private collections.

In July you sent me a clipping from the Sun, describing the PLUS ULTRA medal of Spain having been awarded to Col. Lindbergh. I immediately wrote to my friend Senor Henrique de Luque, of the Ministerio de Estado at Madrid, and yesterday received a copy of the Royal Decree, as published in the Gaceta of 10th. April 1926. Here is a duplicate which he sent, and while a copy of the medal has not appeared, I asked him for a specimen for the Society. I hope it comes.

When I have his letter translated (it is in long hand-and wierdly written) I shall know if we have a chance to get a medal.

Will you try and remember that the creation of this medal should be mentioned in my Committee's report, at the annual meeting. I also heard from Teheran, saying my request had been referred to the



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Ministry of State. I wrote for specimens of their latest creations, since the overthrow of the old Shah by Reza Khahn. Keep on the lookout for them, as I wrote in the name of the Society.

I have your letter about the income for the year, but from my figuring, I believe we will be compelled to transfer some income from Notes and Monograph Fund this year, to make up our deficit, owing to the fact that we had not a full year's income from the 100,000 fund. And I do not think Mr. H. would object. He knew we would not receive it the first year, and always depended on it.

Hope the Assistant is doing satisfactorily and that you are rid of the painters. It looks to me as if they were not doing the work as fast as they agreed to, in their estimate. Are they? But its you-who made the contract-who are incornmoded.

Very truly yours.

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

August 30, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate",  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for your compliments on the "Indian Peace Medals". I put enough time in it to feel pleased with any commendations. However, I think it could have been a little better but it would have cost much more money and I wanted to get it out within what fund we had.

I will hold here the copy of Plus Ultra documents though I frankly confess I cannot read much of it. I will try to see that you report it at the Annual meeting. Also, I will be on the look out for any medals that come in for you. I think you wrote me a while ago some would come. As yet, nothing has turned up.

The painters are finishing up today. They have done a very good job and although they were longer than they expected, they worked steadily all the time. There is a terrible racket going on, as a steam shovel, blasting, derricks and a gang of men are working in the lot in front of our building - some sort of construction work for Mr. Huntington. No building, however, is going up.

The assistant is getting along fine. I suppose you know that F. P. Merritt died a couple of weeks ago.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

September 12, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was looking over your manuscript on Colonial orders the other day and had a hunch that King Sisowath of Cambodia was no more. I am enclosing a picture showing a new ruler. By the prominence of the center person in the picture, you would think M. Raudoin was the ruler.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl.

September 16, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham, Treasurer,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Herewith is the accounting of  
Mr. Belden's book up to date:-

Received from Messrs. Woodin and Widlitz	\$700.00
From subscription	<u>319.00</u>
Total receipts	\$1019.00
Expenditures complete	<u>875.02</u>
Leaving balance	\$ 143.98

There is still due on subscriptions  
\$60.00. As time goes on there will naturally be further  
receipts.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB



September 19, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The catalogue from Holmberg just at hand. I have looked up the Swedish medal. It was given by Gustaf IV Adolph in 1799 for faithful service to certain ones of his own grenadier guards stationed at his palace at Drottningholm. There is another medal with the same obverse but without the king's name on it that he later gave out. They only come in silver. They apparently are military medals but not necessarily war medals. I will send a bid right over for these if you wish, but please let me know what you want to bid for it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MP

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Very truly yours,

HW:MB

*Howland Wood*  
Curator

*If you want it I'll bid Ten Dollars -  
But leave it to you - I know  
nothing of Swedish. H.E.G.  
9 <sup>20</sup>/<sub>27</sub>*

September 23, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We sent over a bid for that Swedish  
medal. I beg to thank you very much for underwriting it  
in case we get it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

28 September 1927

Dear Mr. No9:

I have gone over your notations on the enclosed manuscript and find that I do not need my books from home, hence am returning it to you herewith. I have gone over the 1927 Statesman's Year-book and think I have covered the various points you or Mr. Wood raised. In Comores, Mayotte is only one of the Islands. All are under the present Madagascar department, though numismatic writers all treat the decorations as from different colonies or protectorates.

Now it comes to sending you the authorities. I will probably be at the house sometime within a couple of weeks and shall hunt out the Daguin MS notes which I have. Also the Hue magazine and th copy of one article (where the number was out of print) and send you. Do you want any other of my books? Have you the Hugon book? Go over my Bibliography and see what you want me to send and let me know. I will dig them out--if I can find them--and send you.

Yours truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*Have you found my photographs?  
I think I sent them.*



October 5, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
"Bridge-Gate,"  
Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The case covers came last night  
and they were put into use within half an hour after  
their arrival. We were most glad to get them.

The enclosed letter for you landed  
at the Geographical Society. I hope it contains what  
you want.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
INSURANCE  
423 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21st. October 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

A friend wants to give a nephew--aged 12 yrs.--  
some book which will teach him something about coins in general.  
Rather a large subject!! But that's what they ask, and the boy has  
some foreign as well as American coins of good value, given him  
from time to time.

Is there any book for students, which you can recommend  
and which would be obtainable, and where ??

This is a stumbler I know, but please give me all the  
information you can and I will submit. Thanking you for your  
attention, and with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

October 22, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

There are a number of books that can start a boy off on his numismatic career, but most of them are not easily obtainable. Also, none of the are 100% excellent. I am giving a list of those that can be picked up in good book stores or second hand book stores. One of the best books, though not always accessible, is the "Coins of the European Continent," by W. C. Hazlett. "The Mint Catalogue" by Comperate, I think, can be still gotten at the mint. "The Coin Collectors Manual" by H. Noel Humphart can be picked up most anywhere. It was written years ago and is very extensive and may be too much of a chestful for a boy of twelve. Dye's "Coin Encyclopedia," "Encyclopedia of the Coins of the World," by A. H. Smith and Ackerman's "Numismatic Manual" are fairly easily obtainable. The only fly in the ointment is that I know of no book designed for a young boy.

I will write you later - Tuesday or Wednesday about the "Decorations."

Very truly yours,

Curator

HV:MB

October 27, 1927

Mr. Harrold W. Gillingham,  
432 West Price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am returning two of your prints, together with prints I made here of the same subjects. I will admit mine are no good, but they illustrate what I want. I will be impossible for us to cut out the sections you sent on account of the black background. (1) The exchange would be very great and (!) you will note that the sides of the medals show pure white against the background. When the black is cut away the medal will run right into the white background. It is very possible that your photographer can expose these negatives, but I doubt it. Therefore, will you see if he can make these over on either a white or lighter background. Don't let him do all over yet a while as there will be a few that I do not think we will use, but he can try his hand on these two because these we will use anyway.

Very truly yours,

HW:MP

Curator

Encl.



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

28th. October 1927

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City .

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letter of the 27th. with the prints of two of the decorations for French Colonial. I cannot understand why I had these photographed with a black background, unless it was at your suggestion. For I always understood that a black background always brought out a white background for the Plates. However it is done and the only way to overcome it is to have them all done over or else--as Wallace the photographer--says, to have them made opaque. That is done on the negative itself, and I will take the negatives of these two and try it out, then have prints made from the opaqued negative and send you.

I suppose you have taken up with your plate maker those photographs I sent you, and that he has advised you on this point, so that it is unwise now to have all the negatives opaqued until you know what you will illustrate. Will the negatives of the brevets etc also have to be done?

When I had the Italian or Spanish made I remember I had to have them re-photographed, and I thought they were done in black ground.

As soon as these two are tried out I will send them to you, and in the mean time I wish you would go over the illustrations and make up your mind which you will use. I think in a general way that all I sent you should be shown, save possibly all the variants of the Kin-khanh, and possibly the reverses of a few, as the text takes care of the reverses.

Yours truly,

*Harold S. Ellinghaus*

November 3, 1927

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

It seems as if everything was against my finishing up the illustrations on the French Colonial books. I am returning those photographs that should be made over or fixed up as well as those that I do not think we will use. I certainly am figuring on using most of the diplomas. In fact, will use either eight or ten of these documents. These will not have to be rephotographed. We are planning in addition to have nine single pages of illustrations and seven double pages. The double pages will have for the most part three decorations well filled in as Noe has done on the "Mende Hoard," "Taras," etc. Those photographs that I have marked out we may not use. The whole thing, of course, is subject to the final talk over with you on your way here.

We have here a little different type of Sapeque with the silk cord in it, which I think would substitute for the dragon dollar that you have or possibly, we can take the cord off or put it into the Dragon dollar.

I really dislike to illustrate these pen drawings of coins. I think that we can pick out from our or Mr. Bailly's collection enough of these real ones to make a page. I am having the photographs and my rough layout sent you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

13 November 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

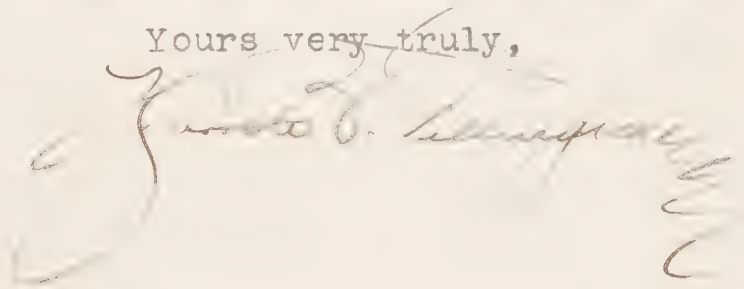
I return herewith the photograph of Major Holstein's Bolivian decoration. I have written him, asking for the colouring. Last month I wrote to the U.S. Consul at La Paz asking for a copy of the Official decree creating this. No answer as yet.

Enclosed is a photograph of the King of Laos. Dispenser of the 100,000 Elephants. What think you of illustrating this, so as to show the Oriental style of wearing their Decorations ???

Tomorrow I am taking the negatives to be painted out in the background. Shall have one print of those made and sent you as early as I can.

I only take those on which you say "O.K." or "Yes"

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "G".



432 West Price Street

Philadelphia

29th. November 1927

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

I enclose copies of all of the French Colonial pieces which you desired to illustrate. I hope these come out to your satisfaction, with the white background. I also enclose the bill for the blocking out.

After having made the first negatives and prints at my expense, in accordance with what I thought was wanted, I think the N. & M Fund might pay for this extra. There will be a bill for the printing, but when it comes I shall send it to you.

IF the prints are satisfactory, will you send this bill thro' for payment, please.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*Bill Calls for 27 -  
I took you 3 referents*



30th November, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The finished photographs came this morning and I think they will be all right. I really have not had a chance to look them over carefully, I did, however, send the bill to the Clerk, as there is no earthly reason why you should pay for these, especially as the publication fund has more money than any other fund.

Just as quickly as I finish up some work I am doing and when Noe gets to the end of something that is on top of him, we will both get busy and put your article into motion.

Very truly yours,

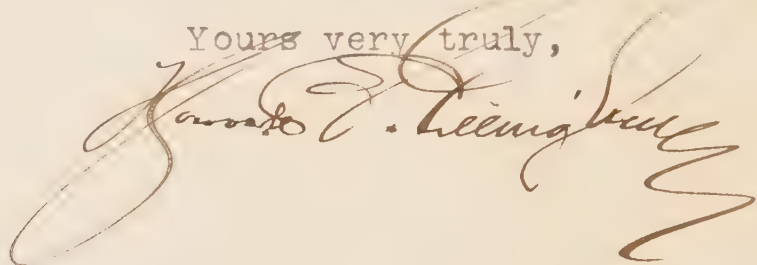
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

2 December 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose Wallace's bill for the  
printing of the photographs for the French  
Colonials, in the way you desired them. This is,  
I believe, in accordance with your desires.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly on the first and last letters.

3d December, 1927

Harrold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter with Wallace's bill just received, and I will put this through in due course.

I spent most of yesterday working upon your photographs. I was planning to use another one of the Kim Khanh decorations. You only sent one and I am sure I had another one marked. Will you look this up and have it fixed up and I will hold a place for it.

After talking it over with Mr. Noe, we think it best not to try to put three decorations on a double plate with a fold through the middle decoration. Therefore, I am rearranging these. I am much afraid that in order to have these reproduced by photo-gelatine we will have to put all of these plates at the end. Half-tone plates printed on the same kind of paper can go anywhere in the text, but I think we'd be up against it in inserting these photo-gravures, which are on entirely different paper, just where we want them in the text.

Very truly yours,

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia

5 December 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

Answering your letter of the 3rd. I would say that I have but three specimens of the Kim-Khanh. I had six photographs originally made of the. (obverse and reverse of each) I have looked at the other five which you returned, and each one is plainly marked "OUT". So now I do not know which one you want me to have touched up and printed. Can you tell from the description, or shall I bring the old photographs over on Friday?

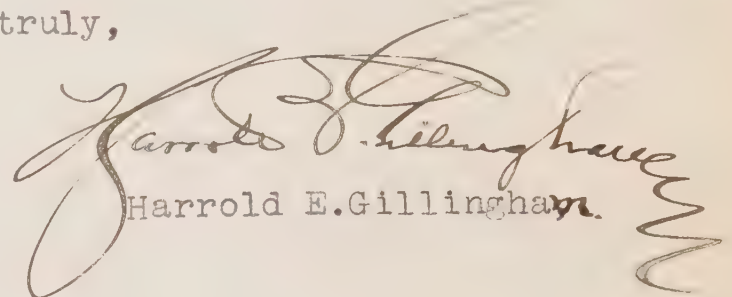
I am glad that you have at last come to the conclusion that it is not wise to print three decorations on one sheet and fold in the centre of one. That worried me a lot, and reminded me of a cheap weekly magazine method. It was not the Society's standard, and would have been severely criticized I am sure.

By the way, be careful in changing any of my translations on these Annamite pieces. I got my information of the translations I used, direct from Hue. Sometimes the Annamite characters vary from those of China, to which they are similar. And the meaning seems to be different. I would not want these changed without the strictest verification, and with an Annamite authority and not a Chinese.

I do not profess to know the difference between the photo-gelatine and the half-tone. But The Spanish and French seemed to come out well. What were they?

Upon second thought I am sending you the five photographs that you can see you did mark them "out", and then can decide which you really do want. I am not certain I shall get to the museum on Friday next.

Yours truly,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham



8th December, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
482 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand though sent several days ago. The fact is, I have been home sick for the last two days.

I think the Kim Khanh, the one I marked in red 'Use this', showing the cord going over the medal, would give the most variety. I picked this reverse because I think the cord hangs straighter than on the obverse. Also it shows how the cord does wind around the medal.

I have got all the plates now laid out, but am waiting to go over them with Hoo. I will be careful not to change any of the Adamite working. I am returning all the photographs so that you can have them.

Very truly yours,

15TH December, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have been away sick ever since Friday so I am a little behindhand in my correspondence. I will try to let you know tomorrow which of those naval medals we would like from the list you sent on.

The flags came from Horstmann today. Many thanks.

You spoke to Miss Spencer the other day about changing certain donations from one fund to another. Mr. Newell's gift was unfortunately in the wrong place on our books but all right at the bank. Mr. Huntington's \$3,000 I knew nothing about. I now see in your letter to Noe that the bank presumably has it all right. Mr. Scoville's \$100 has been placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund. If you want to include it in your report as a donation, you will have to make your own note concerning this. I note the bank has sundry donations amounting to about \$30 in the General Fund. These, however, are not donations. They had to be put in the General Fund because they are for the most part the result of transactions like this: somebody bought a lot of books and had them sent somewhere. The bill sent to the customer included postage. When the cheque was received the amount against the books went to the Library or some other fund, and the postage naturally had to go back to the General Fund as it was paid for from that fund.

Ease your mind about the photograph of the Emperor of Laos. I have it here; you sent it to me a few weeks ago. Noe and I were looking at it the other day, and we had about come to the conclusion that it would not be of great advantage to use it because the decorations hardly showed on the very much embroidered coat. The whole uniform plus the decorations looked more or less like a patchwork quilt. My layout of cuts came out an even number without this, and we came to the conclusion that unless we actually needed another cut we would not use it.

Very truly yours,

P. S. I am returning herewith the list of English medals. I have checked two that we do not have, with the bars you mention. The others we have for either army or navy. For our purposes I don't think it is necessary to try to get ~~an~~ army as well as a navy as the difference does not show in the screen cases. As to the last three items I have indicated just what ones we have.

I am also enclosing a note of what is apparently a very rare Chilean medal in a fixed price catalogue just received. It seems to be of gold, and I should judge 100 marks is not too high. Do you want me to send for this?



15 December 1927

Messrs.Arthus Bertrand et Cie,  
46 Rue de Rennes,Paris.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send us two (2) specimens of the Chevalier's cross (argent) of the NATIONAL ORDER OF THE CONDOR of Bolivia,which I believe are made by you. We desire these for our collection. If you will send these,and the bill for same,we will promptly send you cheque for the cost of same.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E.Gillingham,  
Treasurer.

Dear Mr.Wood: This explains itself. I have written on the Society paper. Otto Holstein told me they made the decoration, When it comes--if it does-send me the bill. I shall pay for them,and-incidentally would like one.

Yours truly,





HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

17 December 1927

American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am about to celebrate my first Christmas,  
and having heard someone say it was better to give  
than to receive, I want to present to the Society-of  
which I have been made a member for life- my first  
Christmas donation, viz-

One British U.S.S. Medal, Bar "Guadaloupe",  
" " E. & W. Africa Medal, Bar "Brass River 1895"

Please accept these with my best wishes for  
a perpetual prosperity for the Society, and my best  
wishes to the Officers thereof,

Fraternally yours,

Lansing C. Holden 3rd.

432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia.

17 December 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

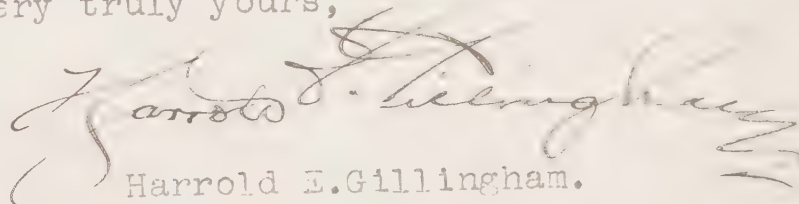
Many thanks for your letter of the 15th. and its contents, I am glad to locate the photograph of the Emperor of Laos, and am quite satisfied to let him out of the monograph, as he is not a handsome specimen anyway. I hope to have the retouched photograph of the Khim-kahn this week. The Christmas rush has delayed us somewhat here, and I could not get it earlier.

The enclosed letter answers the matter of the British medals. I find The St. Sylvester was not a duplicate after all, but an earlier issue with the Spur at the base. The Pius IX is the same as yours, and the Valore Militare is also a modern one of bronze. Probably of French make.

As to the Chilean Cross to German Instructors. I knew of this and have it mentioned in my manuscript. There is also another variety. I wish you would order this for me. If gold, the price of 100 marks is reasonable, and I hope it will not be sold. Will you kindly order it.

Am sorry to hear of your being laid low, and trust you are feeling quite all right again.

Very truly yours,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City/

20th December, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Although all honor is due Lindbergh, I was rather sorry to see that Congress awarded him the Medal of Honor; as I understand they did the same thing to Ford they could not do otherwise with Lindbergh. My contention is that this medal is purely a war decoration and should be awarded only to those who have done especially meritorious duty in the presence of an enemy. What the Government should do is to have another medal to fit cases like this in times of peace.

Very truly yours,

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia

22 December 1927

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society

Dear Mr. Wood:

FRENCH COLONIAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

Answering yours of the 8th. inst. regarding my having one of the Kim-Kahn negatives touched, so as to make it print with a white background, I would say that the one you selected was—as I had marked it—a Paris made one. I never felt very sure of this piece being correct. In fact my correspondent in Hue wrote me about it when I first sent to him for the translations and placing of it. Even he seemed to doubt its correctness.

So—as the A.N.S. wants to be as near absolutely correct as it is humanly possible to be, I have had retouched the reverse of the Kin-Khanh which I enclose. You already have the obverse of this piece, and as it is of native make, it would be better to show both sides of the same piece, rather than obverse only of two. One of which is doubtful. And it shows so flagrantly in the photograph too.

My other genuine native piece is so scratched that it does not photograph well. So I trust my action and views will be agreed to by Mr. Noe and yourself.

I received your note of the 20th. and agree with you about giving Lindberg the Congressional Medal of Honour. He is undoubtedly entitled to some recognition. But the Government should have some other Decoration authorized for Civilian honours, and not award one which is intended to be given only for active service in time of War.

Many thanks for your Christmas card.

With the Seasons Greetings to you all,

Very truly yours,

Harold S. Hough



22TH December, 1927

Harrold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I think you did well in picking out the Kim Kahn decoration that you did. Would it not be well to put in your report on decorations a plea for a peace-time medal of honor?

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

26 December 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

When Christmas has passed, I always feel the New Year is upon us, which reminds me we will be having an Annual Meeting about the 14th. of January, when the Committee on War medals must make a report. As I have to depend on you for some of the acquisitions, may I trouble you to go over your yearly collecting and advise me what has come in, which belongs under my report. Also have you anything to suggest in the way of our Committee report.?? Have you heard of anything new being authorized about the world ?

I hope you had a pleasant Christmas with all your family and they, one and all, kept well. We went to N.Y. Saturday to dine with Mrs. Wray, and took Sunday's dinner with our daughter, coming home this afternoon. I did so want to run up to the Museum this morning, but knew how dull it would be on a holiday, so refrained. All had fine weather for their festivities, didn't they ?

The Seasons greetings to you all,

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Our exhibit of Life saving medals.

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Some of the more famous

Life savers

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Life Savers

31st December, 1927

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

This year's acquisitions of decorations amounts to nothing. In fact, this is no off year; on the contrary, I don't think I could lay much stress on them. We have received seventeen decorations, consisting chiefly of a few Italian, a few modern French (from yourself), a first-grade order of the Order of Maximilian of Mexico (from Julius Guttag), and a few miscellaneous things from Mr. Powell. In fact, I don't think I would go into details in your report about these. However, I think you might mention our exhibit of life-saving medals of the United States. These are loaned by Mr. Elliott Smith, supplemented from our own collection, and, as far as I know, take in about every variety issued in this country. Also, I think it is the first exhibition of these medals in toto. I really have not much information on the medals. The United States has issued two or three new ones. I gave what data I had to Colonel Falls, who was going on to Washington and was going to look into this matter. Therefore I certainly would advise you to write to him (610 Park Avenue, New York City).

I suppose you ought to mention Lindbergh.

I was sorry not to have seen you when you were up here last time, but you evidently had plenty to do.

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

4 January 1928

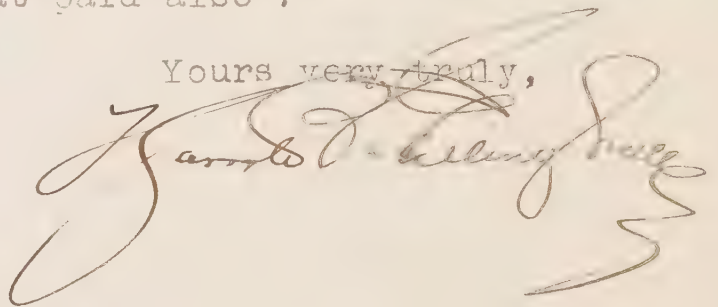
Dear Mr. Wood:

I thought I had sent you a bill for the reprinting of the photographs for the Colonial French decorations. And that you replied you had forwarded them to the bank for payment. Wallace, the photographer tells me he never received a check and sent me this statement yesterday. I asked for a duplicate bill, for you.

Will you please look it up and see if you did send the photographers bill to the Bank.

There was also a bill for the touching up the negatives, Was that paid also ?

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written over the typed name and extends across the width of the letter.

27th January, 1928

Harrold K. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The Order of the Condor has arrived in duplicate, and I am sending you one of the copies as you request. No bill came, and I suppose this was sent direct to you.

I have just received from Germany that Chilean gold medal, which I am enclosing as you wished me to order it for you. Its price was 100 marks. If in any way this is not satisfactory, let me know at once and I will return it. Müller sent me a number of other things, and I will pay the bill next week, and if you wish will later let you know what your share is.

Very truly yours,

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

28 January 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
Broadway & 156th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have yours of the 27th. with the two pieces. I am returning you the Chilean gold cross for German Instructors, for the reason that I do not believe this was ever issued by Chile. I mean this identical piece. There is no evidence whatever of its ever having a suspender for the ribbon attached. It looks "mint state" on the edge of the upper arm, which would not be the case, had there ever having been a clasp attached. I believe some sly Hun, who has the die, has struck this off for sale, and never thought it necessary to attach the clasp or suspender. I may be choisey, but I do not want this.

On your description of it (from the catalogue) you said the date was 1879. On the piece it is 1897. which compares with Salbach \$438 -439. from which I had description of the two variants.

Now--to show there is no hard feeling about your having asked Muller to send it on. I will pay for it, if you want it for the Society's collection. 100 marks will amount to about \$24.00 and I think I can stand that. Let me know cost, if you decide to keep it.

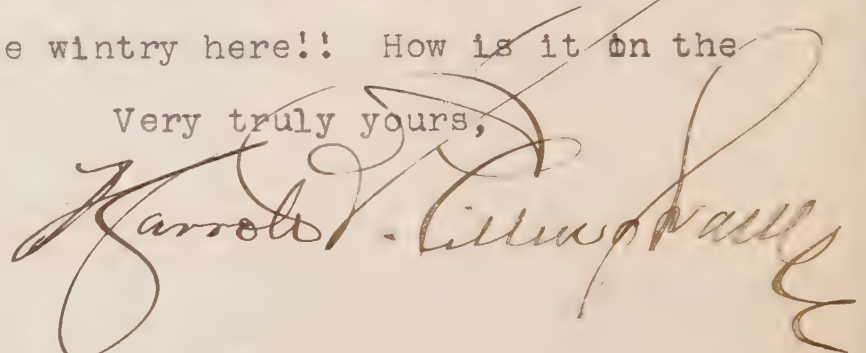
Re. Bolivian Order of the Condor. I received that cross, and last week Mr. Noe remailed me the bill, which came to the Society. I have sent check direct for the two pieces. One half of it amounts to 176.60 francs, or about \$7.06 which you can chalk up against me. As a donation.

A curious thing about this cross. The Decree creating it, says the cross arms are "esmalhada de blanco", while these are decidedly blue. When Major Holstein wrote me describing his cross, he gave the colours as blue, and wrote me that perhaps they found white did not look as well as they thought and altered it. This decoration is not awarded to natives, but kept exclusively for foreigners.

I have a faint recollection that I gave Mr. Noe a copy of the Decree, which I received from the American Consul of La Paz, Bolivia last month. If you want to mark your card, when mounting, this was created April 21 1925.

It appears to be a little wintry here!! How is it on the Terrace ?

Very truly yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harold V. Lippman". The signature is written over the typed name and extends across the bottom right of the page.

3d Feb., 1928

H.E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have been snowed under the past few days, and it is only today that I have written that German dealer and sent off the Chilean gold medal. I am returning this to him with our deep regrets, etc., pointing out to him that the piece was lacking suspension ring and ribbon; also that it was not as he described, the date being wrong. You may remember when I sent it on to you, I was not over-enthusiastic about your keeping it; and if I was not keen on your keeping it, I see no reason why we should keep it.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

16 February 1928

Dear Mr. Wood:

One of our daily papers, pictured Col. Lindberg being decorated by the President of Cuba, with the ORDER OF MIGUEL DE CESPEDES. I thought I had recorded all the Cuban decorations in the Society's cabinets.

Do you happen to know anything of one by this name? And have we any copy of the decree creating it?

If not, I shall write the Cuban Ambassador at Washington for the information.

Any information you can give will be well appreciated.

How are you getting along with the illustrations for the French Colonial monograph? It looks as if the hurry of last autumn had been quite unnecessary.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

25 February 1928

Dear Mr. Wood:

I ordered some medals from Baldwin last month, and simply said "Send to me". But for some unexplained reason, his bill comes in today telling me he has sent them to "the A.N.S.".

I will have to trouble you to send them on to me when they arrive. A N.G.S. Medal, Gut of Gibraltar bar. Canada & S. Fenian Raid, South Africa Queen's. China 1900. N.G.S. Persian Gulf, Mystery Ship. and Endymion's Crook. 7 in all.

Am sorry to bother you in this instance, and wonder why he did so. But, it may have been he remembered the lot of Chinese decorations he sent to you, and which I donated and paid for some year ago.

Please tell Mr. Noe my letter of Friday was answered this morning, by the receipt of the letter from the Central Union about the investment of that \$8,200. Had I been patient one more day, or their letter sent me a day earlier, no one would have been bothered.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

28th Feb., 1923

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The seals from Baldwin arrived  
last night and I am sending them on to you today.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

15 March 1922

Dear Mr. Wood:

Major Holstein wrote me today, to know if you had as yet received the Washington Artillery medal. It should come from New Orleans, and Holstein said he wrote a week ago to remind them to send it. The medal was distributed to members of the Regiment on Washington's Birthday, and probably they would not send to you before the members had them.

If you have, you will of course acknowledge it to New Orleans--whoever sends it--But if you also wish to write Major Otto Holstein, Apartado 1311, Mexico City D.F. Mexico, it would be a nice thing to do, as he was entirely instrumental in your having it.

I believe you know Holstein resigned and gave it to the regiment. I have written a short account of it for the Humanist, and Duffield says it should be in the April issue.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



16th March, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

So far the Washington Artillery medal  
has not arrived. I certainly will acknowledge receipt  
of it, both to New Orleans and to Otto Holstein.

Very truly yours,

27th March, 1928

Harrold T. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Please send on the films for the French Colonial Orders as the engraver wants them. I have at last been able to have these done in a photogravure process which is considered better than the gelatine process and far better than the half-tone process. These we will be able to print on the same kind of paper as the text, and we can tip them in facing where they are described in the text. Having the films I think we can get better results.

Very truly yours,

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

28 March 1928

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society.  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood.

Re NEGATIVES--FRENCH COLONIALS.

I have your letter of the 27th. As I know you rejected several of the Decorations as being superfluous, I assume the only negatives of Medals and Decorations you want, are those which were painted out on the outside, to show a white background, and ~~not~~ black, as I originally had them printed. So I will send them, when I know what others you want as well.

There were several illustrations of Brevets and Commissions. Do you want ALL of these ??? The negative for the Abd-el-Kader (Hand or silver finger) decoration, is of glass, and I do not want to send any glass negatives, unless actually wanted. For this Keder one I had sent me from Algiers, and a break would make such a delay in duplicating.

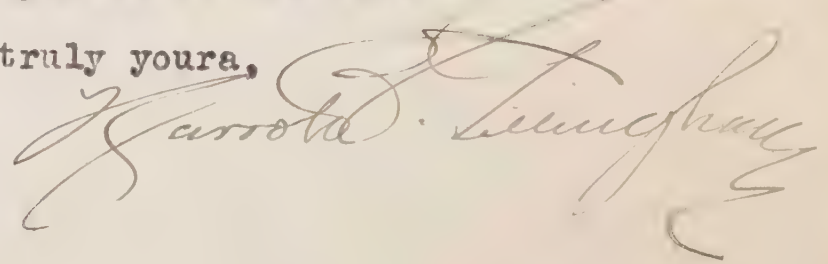
So if you will tell me what you want I will get out and ship to you promptly. The films which I had made here are the usual gelatine film, of a comparatively stiff celuloid sort of material. A few of the negatives for the Brevets were made for me in Paris, and are a very delicate, filmy material, almost as thin as tissue paper, and quite delicate.

Then too, will these negatives be returned to me in as good condition as I send them? I am more particular about these foreign films than my own made here, as they are harder to replace.

Do not misunderstand my attitude. I am perfectly willing to send the negatives, if it means a better result in printing illustrations, but first I must know which you want, and if they will be returned in good condition. I am a little skeptical about plate makers, having had one unfortunate experience with another publisher in never having the negatives returned.

Upon advices from you as to just which you want, I will pack them up and send. I am glad you have decided to illustrate with the descriptive text, and not all plates in the back.

Very truly yours,



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia

31 March 1928

Mr. Howland Wood:  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society.

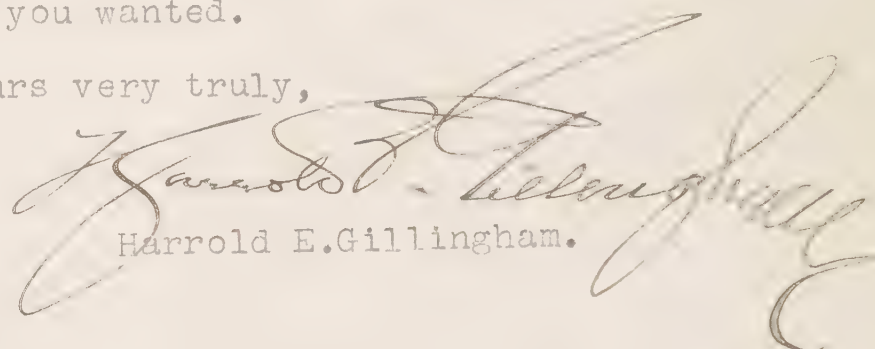
Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have yours of the 30th. and the list of negatives which you wanted. totalling 30. I send herewith 38, for the reason that you once had me get these all outlined, to print white, and it may be you will put more than one piece on a plate. There are 2 delicate films for negatives. on a sort of tissue paper (in the order of your list) These are for brevets which Salles had taken for me.

Please caution your plate-maker to be exceedingly careful of these, and perhaps it would be best to enclose them in a separate envelope. They are so thin and black, they might be taken for the black separation paper on other negatives.

I sent the Sapeques, with cords. taken from the original pieces, and I presume these are the ones you wanted.

Yours very truly,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham.



April 7, 1928.

Mr. H. E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I should have acknowledged the receipt of films before this, but Miss Spencer has been very ill for some days. I cautioned the engraver to be especially careful with these films.

Noe and I will try on Monday, to see how we can work the plates in the text, as we are now beginning to get galley proof.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

April 25, 1928

Goodspeed's Book Shop,  
7 Ashburton Place,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We received from you as per our request, the  
Jenny Lind letter. We are herewith returning it, as I  
do not like the condition of the letter, and I was hoping  
for a letter signed with her maiden name. I am enclosing  
21cts in stamps, the amount paid for sending the letter  
to us.

Very truly yours,

21cts enc.

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

13 May 1928

Mr. Roland Wood, Director,  
American Philatelic Society

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I return herewith the two Mexican  
medals which I brought home for identification.

The plaque, is the second class decoration of  
CONSTITUCION awarded for thirty (30) years military  
service. This also carries with it a cross, like  
the other, but slightly larger.

The cross of the same-Constitucion-is awarded for  
25 years service. This is Third Class.

I almost regret my generosity to the Society.  
But fortunately Major Holstein sent me the 2nd.  
class plaque and the First class cross, a few months  
ago. We both have something of this decoration.

Recently I secured a Cross of the Order of San  
Carlos of Mexico. That's rare.

I hope Miss Spencer is soon able to return and  
you in the work, also that Mr. Roe will soon be able to  
to resume his activities.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

25 May 1928

My dear Mr. Wood:

Two weeks ago you said you would ask the Plate-maker to return my negatives. I have not as yet received them. Though I imagine he must have finished with them, as you told me the plates were all ready for printing, and only waiting for you to say which side of the sheet they went on.

I do not want them back, if you have use for them. But as soon as finished I do want them to be returned to me. There were 33 of them.

Did you receive those two Mexican pieces I returned you with descriptions??

Please tell Mr. Noe that I would like 30 copies of the French Colonial monograph sent me, before the corners are cut off round. I want to have them bound, and they do not line well with the rounded corners.

Yours very truly,

Harrold E. Gillingham

5-29-28  
Wood  
Noe



29th May, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

By this time you will have received the negatives of the 'Colonial Decorations'. Not having all my data here I was unable to check them up, but hope all have been returned that you sent. I noticed a slight tear in one of the tissue negatives. They were very apologetic about this. If this is spoiled, the engravers have a positive from this negative that you can have.

I did receive the two Mexican pieces. I would have said that I acknowledged these. However, please pardon this oversight; I have only got Miss Spencer back the past three days.

I will see that Mr. Noe gets your instructions about the thirty copies of your monograph.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

2 June 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood: -

I received the negatives yesterday morning, just as I was starting to come up here, so simply put them away in Germantown. If the engraver did spoil that thin negative, it would be better to have them send me on the positive of it which they have. How did the plates come out?

Am glad Mr. Noe is able to be with you for a while and hope he and Miss Spencer will soon both be all right again.

Very truly,

Harrold E. Gillingham

4th June, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I don't think the engraver spoiled that thin negative. I noticed a slight tear in it. This, if carefully printed, as far as I can see, would do no harm.

Do you know of any coin dealer in Spain? I have a sneaking idea that you had been writing to some one there about medals.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM.  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG P. O., BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

6 June 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,

Dear Mr. Wood: -

I am sorry I cannot help you with information of any coin or metal dealers in Spain, but the only one I ever found was a maker of Orders and Decorations, and after writing him for prices etc. and then ordering some stuff (in the name of the Society) I never heard of him again, nor did he even reply. I have always understood there were few dealers--as we know them--in Spain. Generally they are collectors, but I never could get the names of anyone in my line, and know nothing of coin dealers. Sorry to be of no aid.

Sincerely,

Harrold E. Gillingham

Look up that list of  
a n a numbers. It may  
help.



10th October, 1928

Harrold D. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed order from Goodspeed came to us, though I can not imagine why. I am also enclosing a page from yesterday's Times. Undoubtedly you have had other copies of this sent you.

Trusting to see you when you come up for the next Council meeting, I remain

Very truly yours,

10th October, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Pardon me for not answering your letter of December 4th, but I have been blocked from much letter-writing during the past few days. I really do not know just what M. Silice means by past early coins of Cambodia. We have a number of these coins of before the Protectorate that are all struck, but there are a lot we have not got; therefore, if he is inclined to send any on, let him do so.

I think Nos is inclined to order the book by Chailomel, so you will probably hear from him later.

I am sending you a rubbing of the only genuine Cambodian gold coin that we have. This I got some years ago from Salles. Possibly the ones you had in mind were some recent gold coins he sent me, but they were from Abyssinia. Any coins from Cambodia, old or new, are acceptable, so don't hesitate to write your friend.

I have been swamped lately with a lot of medals (not war decorations) that have come in to us. I will shortly get at the year's summary of decorations for you.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

13 October 1928

Dear Mr. Wood:

A letter dated Oct. 1st. from Andre S  
Salles, says that on August 17th. he sent the  
Society, a gold coin- very rare--of Menelik II of  
Abyssinia, and has had no acknowledgement of it,  
and consequently wondered if you had ever received  
it.

He also tells me that you have in the  
cabinets, a silver half thaler of Addis-Abeba, which  
I would like to see, the next time I come over, for  
it was later used as a military award.

I expect to come to the museum sometime  
before the meeting next Friday.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

15th October, 1928

H. F. Cillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Cillingham:

I am sending you herewith a communication from the Largets Title and Surety Company and also the last quarterly statement from the same. In this you will note that in the Principal Account there is \$500, the proceeds of the redemption of a 2<sup>nd</sup> bond, St. Louis and San Francisco Oil Company.

Very truly yours,



15th October, 1922

Harold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Saloo's first letter with the gold coin  
came while I was on my vacation. I answered it shortly  
after I got back and we should have received my reply some  
time ago. I will show you what coins we have from Abyssinia  
when you next come up.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG, BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

*H. E. Gillingham*  
*Philadelphia*  
4 November 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.  
American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have just had a letter from my friend in Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, complimenting the Society on monograph 36. He, the Resident Superior and the King were all quite impressed. M. Salles asks if I or the Numismatic Society are interested in the early cast coins of Cambodia. Before the Protectorate. Cast in either England or Holland. He says they are rather scarce and rare. Salles has been in correspondence with him about them. They are mentioned by Groslier in his "Recherches sur les Cambodgiens" Challamel, Editeur, 7 rue Jacob, Paris, now Societe d'Edition Geographiques et Coloniales. Have you the work, or any of the pieces? If not, I will write him, and accept his offer to send some, for I think from the way he writes, he contemplates donating them to me. Will you look it up and write me soon, that I may reply to his letter of 23 October. He says they were issued in reign of king Ang Duong (or some such name. his writing is hard to decipher).

Have you the work he mentions, and do you want it? If so, write for it and send me the bill. It will be my Christmas present to the Society.

He is the first I have had word from-of those I sent to Indo-China, and his criticisms were pleasing to read. The King of Cambodia and the Emperor of the Great Annam are having too much trouble to read it, to answer so soon.

You might send me rubbings of those Cambodian gold coins that Salles sent you, and I can tell him just what Cambodian coins you have. I will also ask him for a set of the latest ones too. For I do not mind asking him questions or favours.

Kind regards to all,

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLMCONG EXHIBITS COX PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

11 November 1928

Dear Mr. Wood: -

Upon my return home last night, I heard that T.L. Elder was offering his private collection of FRANKLIN MEDALS, consisting of-as he says- of 150 pieces, and that no other such collections exists in this country. He offers it for \$1,000. cash.

What do you know of it ? Are there 150 Franklin medals ? And are they worth anything like that ?

Please do not mention this, for I would not want this to get out through me. From the source I heard it, I believe this is the only offer he has made, and he would know at once, if it got out. I was asked for information on its worth etc. and knowing nothing of such pieces, appeal to you for necessary values etc.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

14th November, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have known for a number of years that Elder has been forming a collection of Franklin medals, and I should not wonder but what he has accumulated 150. When you stop to think that this would include all of the Franklin Peace prize medals of Boston, which have been given out every year for generations, a host of medallions and store-cards, and civil war tokens, as well as legitimate medals. When one has been for years forming a specialized collection, one can, within reason, ask almost anything for it. The next thing is to get a purchaser. At \$1,000 these medals would average \$7.00 each, and I very much doubt if there are many Franklin medals worth that price; while at least two-thirds I feel sure are not worth anywhere near \$7.00. This is about all I can say.

Very truly yours,

Curator



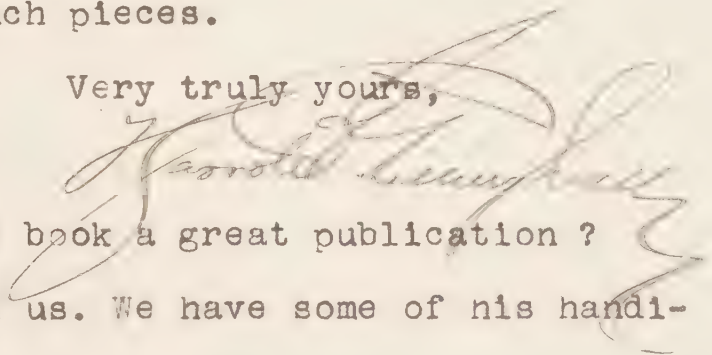
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

19 November 1925

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your letter about the Elder collection of Franklin Medals. It gave me exactly what I wanted, as I have never gone into the collecting of such pieces.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned over the typed name and the beginning of the next paragraph.

Isn't Mr. Eidlitz's book a great publication?

Boulton interested us. We have some of his handiwork, but not "steam engines".

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

18 November 1928

Dear Mr. Wood: -

Remembering the two pieces which General Falls gave the Society, I thought I would ask you--in your leisure moments- to get up a list of acquisitions during 1928, along that line that I may have it for my Annual Report. And it is best to do it before the rush of the new year.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

12th December, 1928

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have received very few decorations during the past year. Here is a complete list of those we have received with the names of the donors.

N.J. National Guard, Medal of Merit  
Order of the Condor of the Andes,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Lindbergh  
U.S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps  
Officers' Star, Chile, War of the Pacific  
against Bolivia and Peru  
Great Britain, Iraq, bar  
France, American Volunteers with  
French Army 1914-17  
Dardanelles  
Evadés  
Mutilés  
Belgium, Chaplain's Cross

Joe K. Davidson's sons  
Harrold E. Gillingham  
Purchased  
Purchased

Harrold E. Gillingham  
Gen. DeWitt C. Falls

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Very truly yours,

4th January, 1939

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just had a talk with You about Arthur Woodward's proposition to write about the Montreal medal for the N.W. & H. I note he has been working up silversmiths' on Indian material, and I have told him to go ahead and we would see if we could use his manuscript.

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
"BRIDGE-GATE"  
HOLICONG, BUCKS CO., PENNA.  
TEL. BUCKINGHAM 52-R-11

432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

13 January 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I notice in catalogue of Elder's sale next Saturday, item 952 Richmond Light Inf. medal. This is unknown to me, and IF you attend the sale, I think you would be justified to buy it. We have some fund from which this could be bought. There was a left over from Swing cases and Indian Peace medals. This was allied with the Peace medals. for the Virginia Indians caused a lot of trouble 1861-65 (I mean the white indians) and maybe it could be gotten. I will help out with a little anyway. But the Society should have it. Not a private collector like Smith or Gillingham. Hence I send no bid.

I have not seen the piece, nor heard of it. And have rather a distrust for the cataloguer's even wishing to be exact. If you have seen it and think it worth while, get it. We'll make Smith come across to aid the Society.

Hastily,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

18 February 1929

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York.

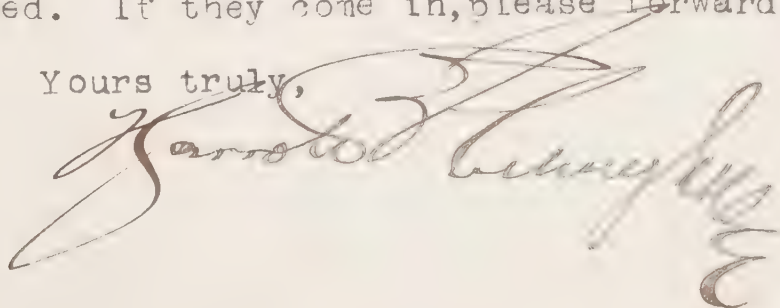
Dear Mr. Wood: -

I have yours of the 14th. with the belated letter from American Consul, at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, dated December 1st. last. I was glad to have this, as I wondered why my letter of August last was not answered, and have written him a second communication.

You may be pretty such such letters are for me. I am corresponding with Consuls and other Officials all over the world, on Society paper, and when so doing, sign my self, "Chairman, Committee on W-M. & D." But they often reply to the Society direct. Please therefor forward them promptly to me, or ask about them, that I may reply more promptly than to this, which must have been in your office a month.

I have twelve letters to Latin American Officials, unanswered. If they come in, please forward.

Yours truly,

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
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432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

19 January 1929

Dear Mr. Wood: -

What is a LYON DOLLAR ? Period of  
1729. Have you one in the Society ?

Have you any Colonial PAPER MONEY  
of any of the Colonies of 1729-1730 period ?

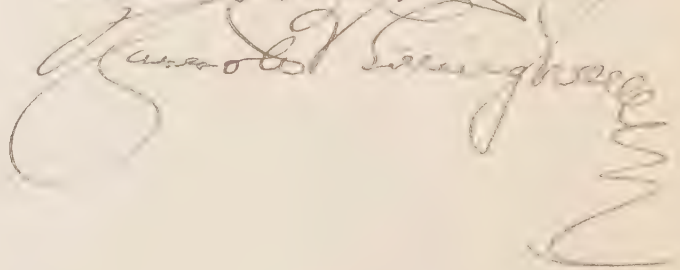
Has the P aper money of that period  
ever been written on ?

I read in a paper of 1729 that in New-  
port R I they cut a chap's ears off for counterfeit  
ing "Bills of that Colony". A nice gentle way  
they had in those days.

My earliest Colonial paper money is 1772

Sorry to bother you.

Sincerely yours,

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21st January, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The Lyon dollar, generally spelled 'lion', is the Dutch deaolder struck for about a century, having on one side a knight in armor behind one of the shields of the Dutch Provinces. We have several of these and they are not rare, being in extensive circulation in this country at one time.

We do not happen to have a single example of Colonial paper money before 1744. The Colonial money of about 1730 has not been especially written up; there are, however, a number of treatises on Colonial paper money; that is, taking up the matter by States - two or three books have been written on Massachusetts paper money. As to their merits, I have never bothered with them much. Henry Chapman presumably has the best collection of this Colonial paper money there is; but he is rather cagey in giving information. Your Newport account of 1729 must refer to the bills made in 1715, or we will say of 1715, because they possibly may have been reissued in various years after that date. The next time you are up here we might look through in our library what has been written on early paper money.

Very truly yours,



23th January, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed from the New York  
Sun might interest you. I did not appreciate that  
the United States had a branch of the Papal Knights  
of Malta.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

26 January 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Mr. Arthur Woodward (formerly of the Indian Museum) now of the LOS ANGELES MUSEUM AT LOS ANGELES, CAL. has written me about some silversmiths and referred to the Montreal medal of 1761. In his letter he says-

"Do you think Mr. Wood would be interested in a little paper on this (Montreal) medal ?)

I thought that following Mr. Belden's article on the U S Indian medal, a small monograph on the Happy While United medal and the Montreal medal would be good American material. Take this up with Editor Noe and if he is in accord, you can write Woodward at the above address, and see what his MSS amounts to. From the way he writes me, he has dug up considerable historical material, which seems to clear up a disagreement between Beauchamp and McLachlan and numismatically might be of considerable interest.

Yours truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
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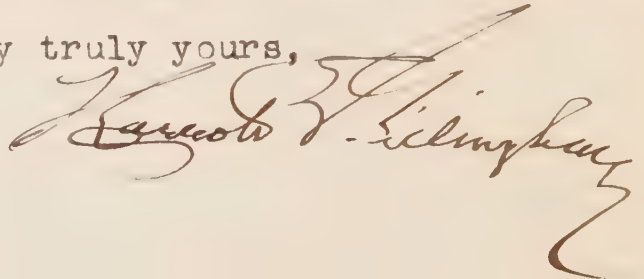
26 January 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your note and the clipping on the Order of Malta. It is not surprising that the Canal authorities in this country have the pull to get such notices. Our local journals yesterday were equally advised and listed the Philadelphians who had been decorated. You know they send this out on United or Associated Press wires, and it is generally broadcast. And with so many of the editorial staff of that faith, it is no wonder it is given publicity. They are great propagandists, when it gives them an advantage.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Howland Wood,  
New York City.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

14th February, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

A short time ago I received a communication from the American Consular Service at Addis Ababa, referring to a letter of ours of August 18th. I do not remember having written there. Did you? He tells a little about the decorations and gives one decree. He also mentions some gold coins. I am enclosing the correspondence, and would like to have back the part mentioning the coins.

Very truly yours,



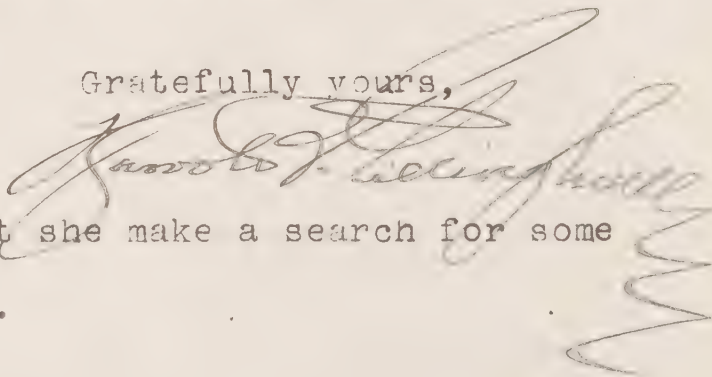
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
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TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

23 February 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your notes on the Dutch East India Co. explaining the cypher of V O C and A O C. I think the Speaker was correct, for she gave McCandless as authority, and the coloured flag she showed, followed the one he illustrated, and not that of the D E I Co. The rubbings of coins showed those for India, and the Dutch probably never had any special coins for their all-too-short stay in Manhattan.

Gratefully yours,

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I have suggested that she make a search for some book on the subject.

J. SCHULMAN  
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AMSTERDAM C., March 14th 19 29.

Mr. H. E. Gillingham.

PHILADELPHIA.

Dear Mr. Gillingham,-

I can offer you the following coins of Annam and I will be glad to send you those in which you are interested.

Trusting soon to hear from you

Yours very truly

*J. Schulman*

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Encl. list.

I am not interested in Coins. Are you desirous for any ?

3 <sup>26</sup>/<sub>29</sub>

Yours truly,

*H. E. Gillingham*

ANNAM. All silver.

							Florins.
1.	Annam	Tu Duc	Lingot, Ounce .	See Schr.321.	Very fine		50.-
2.	-	Thieu Tri	Lingot $\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce.	Schr.237.	Very fine		40.-
3.	-	Gia Long	Lingot Ounce	Schr.120	Very fine		20.-
4.	-	-	Lingot Ounce	Schr.118-121	Very fine		20.-
5.	-	-	Lingot Ounce	Schr.118	Very good		12.-
6.	-	-	Lingot Ounce	Schr.121	Very fine		20.-
7.	-	Tu Duc	Lingot $\frac{1}{10}$ Ounce	Sch.339	Very fine 2 var. a 5.-		10.-
8.	-	Thieu Tri	$\frac{5}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.253	Very fine, very rare		40.-
9.	-	Minh Mang	Dollar (1833)	Schr.182	Very fine		20.-
10.	-	Tu Duc		Schr.359	Very fine		30.-
11.	-	-		Schr.347	Very fine		35.-
12.	-	-		Cf. Schr.341	Very fine		4.-
13.	-	Minh Mang	Dollar 1834	Schr.183	Very fine		20.-
14.	-	Thieu Tri	$\frac{4}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.254	Very fine		20.-
15.	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce	Schr.260	Fine		15.-
16.	-	Tu Duc	Unpublished	Cf. Schr.407	gold. Very fine		20.-
17.	-	-	-	Cf. Schr.402	gold. Very fine		75.-
18.	-	Thieu Tri	$\frac{5}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.242	Very fine		50.-
19.	-	-	$\frac{5}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.261	Very fine		40.-
20.	-	-	$\frac{5}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.253	Very fine		70.-
31.	-	-	$\frac{5}{10}$ Ounce	Schr.349	Very fine		30.-
22.	-	-		Schr.292	gold Very fine		15.-
23.	-	Tu Duc		Schr.387	Very fine		15.-
24.	-	-		Schr.350	Very fine		20.-
25.	-	-		Schr.351B	var. Very fine		15.-
26.	-	Thieu Tri		Schr.265	Very fine		15.-

						Florins.
27.	Annam	Thieu Tri	Schr.264	Very fine		<u>15.-</u>
28.	-	Tu Duc	Type of Schr.347 much smaller, 2 var.	à 15.-	30.-	
29.	-	-	Unpublished see Schr.408 gold	Very fine	25.-	
30.	-	Thieu Tri	Unpublished.	Very fine,very rare	40.-	
31.	-	-	-	5/10 Ounce.	Very fine,very rare	30.-
32.	-	-	1/10 Ounce	Schr.262	Very fine	15.-
33.	-	Tu Duc	1/10 Ounce	Schr.353	Very fine	12.-
34.	-	Gia Long		Schr.180	Very fine,rare	15.-
35.	-	Thieu Tri	Unpublished. See Schr.293 gold.	Very fine	15.-	
36.	-	Tu Duc	4/10 Ounce	Schr.351	Very fine	15.-
37.	-	-		Schr.351c	Very fine	10.-

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J. SCHULMAN.

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Mr. H. E. Gillingham.

PHILADELPHIA.

Dear Mr. Gillingham, -

Referring to my yesterday's letter about the silver coins of Annam I can offer you also the following gold pieces of Annam:

				Florins
a.	Annam	Tu Duc Phi long	Schr. 285. Very fine, very rare	<u>175.-</u>
b.	-	-	Song long Unpublished, see Schr. 347 in silver. Very fine, extremely rare	225.-
c.	-	-	Phi long Schr. 351 Very fine, rare	125.-
d.	-	-	Phi long Schr. 406 Very fine, very rare	125.-
e.	-	-	Schr. 414 Fine, extremely rare	250.-

Trusting soon to hear from you

Yours very truly

*J. Schulman*

27th March, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Thank you for sending that list of Annamese  
coins of Schulman. We ourselves are not interested, but I  
will show the list to John Reilly.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

28 March 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sorry you feel the way you do about Cambodian coins. Of course, if funds are low, I did not expect the Society to buy Schulmann's. But I felt Reilly lacked interest in Cambodia and merely treated them as Chinese, which they are not.

I have been corresponding with Silice of Phnom-Penh, and he has just sent me five old Cambodian coins of 1846, which were minted in Holland or England and some cast. He offers to send more. But I shall write him not to. The advantage of his sending them, is that he sends translations of inscriptions etc. as he has done in this instance. Being a student in the Beaux Arts (I mean in a teaching capacity) he has opportunities of getting information and facts from the native officials, for he frequently refers to his audiences with the Resident Superior and King.

Here is another letter from Schulman, which I send merely as a matter of interest. Probably because I bought a Cambodian medal from him, he thinks I am interested in everything Cambodian.

Yours very truly,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

15th April, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing rubbings of our Cambodian coins, which if you care to you might send to your correspondent over there. See if he can find anything we have not got; there are a few types of the small silver coins I know that we lack.

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
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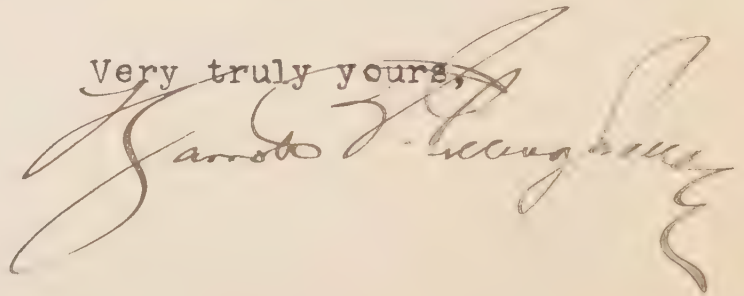
24 April 1929

American Numismatic Society,

Gentlemen:-

I enclose check for \$3.00 in payment of the banquet charge for Mr.L.C.Holden Jr.,whom I brought as a guest last evening,and I want to take this onportunity of again expressing my satisfaction with the affair. I think it well arranged,excellently carried out,and altogether it was a good <sup>Party</sup> ~~affair~~. I wish more of our members had attended and that we could have more such.

Very truly yours,

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27th April, 1929

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

This will acknowledge with thanks your cheque for \$3.00 in payment of the dinner charge for Mr. L. C. Holden Jr. I am very glad that you enjoyed the 'party'; I think everyone did.

Very truly yours,

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

15 June 1929

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

*if I think I have have have*

I have just seen the Andre Salles Catalogue, and thought there might be some items therein which you would want for the Society's collection, and if so, you probably are dubious over the fact of what money to use. I will donate \$50.00 towards any purchases you need, and suggest items, 105- 151-353-and 405. I doubt if you have either of these. Should you send bids for these and others needed, will you please bid what you think proper for the following items for me. I do not know these auctioneers, and see M. Etienne Bourgey is the one to send bids to. I would like especially Nos. 641-642-642-644 & 647. Leaving to you the amounts to bid, being more familiar with Paris prices than I am. Perhaps the Society would like 637-638 & 639. I have the Chevalier's crosses for the first two, but do not remember your having them.

As to books, I see my French Orders is up (no. 674) and the series of our monographs, item 681. Maybe the Publication Fund would want to secure these. Item 683 looks worth getting, if you do not have it.

I will be leaving home July 5th. and not returning until Sept. 30th. and could not attend to matters by mail, so will you please send bids for the items wanted by me, and any you want for the Society which I will pay for on my return.

Hope you are getting along well with the alterations. Sorry I could not have gotten over for Friday's meeting, but it was practically impossible for me to make it.

Cordially yours,

*Garrett A. Lindbergh*



18th June, 1929

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was away over Sunday so could not answer your letter sooner. Just at the present moment we are in absolute confusion here as they have been drilling holes in all our stairways, the balcony, and various parts of the building. Everything is securely covered up and I can not get at the decorations so do not know just what we have. Lot 105, although we have not put it, is going at a big price. I saw Boyd the other night and he said he was going to bid on this and I promised to hold off. He is bidding on two or three other lots and he has promised to give us all of his duplicates of Cambodia and Battambang. Lot 151 we have, as well as lot 353. Lot 405 I got from Salles. He had two specimens. I, however, am intending to bid 135 francs on lot 53 and 180 francs on lot 414. I would like lots 435-437; I have seen these pieces in Galles collection, or, rather, in a trunk of his. The cataloger does not say how many pieces are in a lot, so I will have to bid blindly. I am bidding 310 francs on these ten lots and probably will not get them.

I really am up against knowing what to bid on the decorations you want. I have never sent bids to France. I would suggest the following: Lot 641, 125 francs; lot 642, 125 frs.; lot 643, 90 frs.; lot 644, 160 frs.; lot 647, 130 frs. If you do not think these bids are right, let me know and I will bid more or less. You must remember there is a 19.5% tax or something like that and probably other charges. As I said before, I can not tell whether we really want the ~~Morocco~~ decorations. The Chinese one I think we have.

I really do not think it would be wise to bid on our monographs as we have a big supply of most of these numbers. We have lot 683. After hearing from you I will despatch a letter to France. Many thanks for underwriting our bids. I appreciate this.

As for getting along with the laterations, I can say that the alterations are getting along but we are suffering. The noise is something terrific and it is almost impossible to dictate. Noe is in very seldom now as he can not stand the noise.

Very truly yours,



432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia.

19 June 1929

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Re-Salles Sale. July 1 & 2nd.

I have your letter of the 18th. and note that you are prevented (by Boyd's remarks) from out-bidding him on some items. But go ahead for the Society on what you want. My offer of assistance holds good for what I offered.

As to the items I wanted, I note your remarks, but do not agree with you in the sums suggested. I authorize you to bid for items 641,225 fcs.- 642,225 fcs. 643,200 fcs.-644,260 fcs. 647,300 fcs.

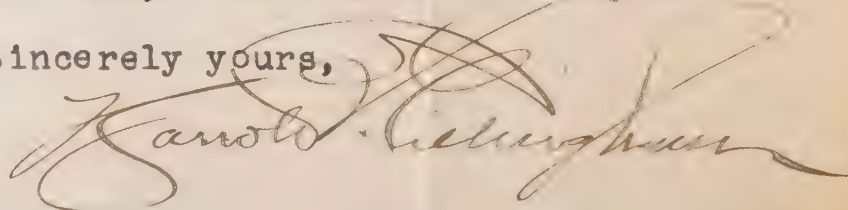
In other words I have raised your prices about 100 fcs. per item. and doubt if we will get them. I realize we have to pay 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ % additional, but those pieces are rarities, and I would like to have them.

Item 647, reminds me that Salles and I are the only ones to have any of the Sedang decorations, that I have ever heard of. And that "fantasie" of Morocco, interests me greatly.

Send your bids off as soon as possible, and mark the envelope for the fastest steamer sailing Saturday, that bids may get there in time.

Many thanks, for the bother I am giving you. And very best regards to you. I would like to see you all before I sail-on July 6th. but do not see how I can get over. Sorry the commotion is so upsetting, but hope it will soon be over. And then, think what a building we will have ?????

Sincerely yours,



21st June, 1929

Harrold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand, and I have  
dispatched by the SS. Majestic your bids together with  
ours to Etienne Bourget. I trust we will get some results.

I am enclosing a letter from Guatemala. If you  
have no use for it and do not mind, I would very much like  
to have the cover showing the diplomatic ffank.

Very truly yours,

24th June, 1929

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Did you ever get a priced catalogue of that big auction sale of antique furniture at the Anderson Galleries held a few weeks ago? If so, and you can put your hand on it, may I borrow it for a short while? as I would like to study prices.

The bids went off on the Friday boat to the Paris sale.

Very truly yours,



432 West Price Street,  
Philadelphia.

25th. June 1929

Mr. Howland Wood,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Only last week did I complete the pricing of the catalogue of the Reifsnnyder sale of Antique Furniture, preparatory to having the catalogue bound during the summer, while we are away, and I do not expect to have it back until September.

I got most of the prices from a printed list sold by the magazine "Antiquarian", whose office is on Lexington Ave, north of 42nd. St--you can find them in the telephone directory. Some large building that backs on to the ramp around the Grand Central station.

They printed the price list, describing the pieces to some extent, and sold it for 25¢. I even am having that bound in with my catalogue, for preservation.

As to your comparing prices. I do not want to discourage you from thinking your mother's pieces are just as valuable as Mr. Reifsnyd's. But as a collector, I know that our pieces have not gone up in price, the way his pieces sold for. All editors of antique collectors magazines, in commenting on these prices, have warned collectors they can not expect to value their pieces in comparison.

The principal reason being, that Reifsnnyder's had been exhibited in museums, written about by students of the subject, both here and abroad, and all of these writings or exhibits were listed in the catalogue with the description of each piece. Then too, many of his pieces had been authenticated as to their maker, or original owners, with bills, wills, inventories of estates, etc. So they were pretty well fixed as to origin. This of course, increases the value of an article such as he collected.

Prices have gone up since this sale, but not to such an extent as people seemed to think. I know of a chair, very similar to one of Reifsnyd's, that sold for \$2100, while his brought 4,500. And his had been taken from loan to the Pennsylvania Museum. So you see what has happened in this one instance. Yet, a week after this sale, we bought for \$1000 a silver porringer, made by Burt of Boston, about 1750, when one by the same maker about the same time, sold for 800. And we got ours from a dealer who knew of his sale. There was no bargaining. The price was asked, we saw the piece for verification, and snapped it up at once.

I have not altered my inventory since the Reifsnnyder's sale, simply because we do not want to sell, and if we did, feel we could never get the prices that Reifsnnyder's brought, for ours have not been so well advertised, beforehand, nor have they been so extensively exhibited or written of.

There is one thing to be taken into consideration. If a dealer offers your mother a price for a piece which seems high, do not accept the first. Dealers in buying expect to more than double their money, especially when buying from those whom they know are not collectors, consequently not familiar with prevailing dealer's prices for selling.

One dealer frankly told us he would not buy from us, because he knew that we knew what he asked for his things. Get your mother to enquire of the Museum, if she will sell. Museums generally have some "angel" who will buy a fine piece for them. It pays to try this or else to intimate it to a dealer, without telling him what you will offer it to.

I hope I have not gone too much into this subject.

Sincerely yours

Harold B. Phillips



26th June, 1929

Harold W. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The package containing the three Guatemalan medals at hand. I will enter them up as a gift from the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Very truly yours,

28th June, 1929

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for your long letter, which contains just the right kind of information to give, and I will set about studying the pieces and the market, taking my time, and will try to dispose of one or two things within a year if I can get what I consider a good price.

Have you seen the enclosed clipping? This should interest you.

Very truly yours,

July 17th, 1929

Mr. H. E. Gillingham,  
c/o Brown Shipley & Co.,  
123 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1  
England.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed letter just came. I have the  
frank on the envelope.

I have just heard from Bourgey about the  
Andre Salles sale. You got lots 641-2 and 3 for 600francs.  
Lot 647, 300 francs . 19-1/2 commission 175.50  
postage 28  
making a total of 1103.50 francs. Shall we pay this bill ,  
for we can just as well as not.

Lots 644 sold for ten francs above your bid.  
I did not get a single one of the things I bid on. Every lot  
sold at one bid higher than mine.

Yours very truly

Curator .

Sealed letter enclosed



TELEGRAMS: BROWN HOTEL, LONDON.  
TELEPHONE NO. 6101 GERARD

BROWN'S HOTEL,

LONDON, W. 1.

(DOVER ST & ALBEMARLE ST)

29  
July  
1929

Dear Mr. Wood:

Of course you may have  
the franked envelope, but it  
is - and welcome. -

I am glad I got some of  
the Dallas's prices, and believe it  
was because I raised my  
bids. I have not the  
Catalogue here, so do not  
know how far I should  
draw the check. Otherwise  
could send you a check on  
Paris to pay my bill. But  
if you will have it paid



for me. I will square  
accounts when I return.  
I believe you have an "In  
and out" account for this  
expense. I'm sorry  
you did not get anything  
for the Society, but  
think your bid would be  
too low. — Such things seem  
to be selling higher of late.  
I've found but 3 medals,  
and my first v.c. — Never felt  
I could afford one before,  
but have verified this one  
before purchase —

The Guatemala letter you  
sent me was the return of  
a \$1.00 bill I sent the Legation  
to cover postage on those



BROWN'S HOTEL,

LONDON, W. 1.

(DRIVER & REMARKS)

TELEPHONE NO. 8501 GE-1111

These medals I sent you from  
Ldn. before I sailed -

You chaps who got them  
for the Society said the  
portage we would not be  
allow me to reimburse  
him - Pretty fair !! ???

Maybe your girls will  
like the two gold coins -  
I hope the last in possession  
of the Bolivian metal from  
Spanish reached the Society  
all right. I felt rather  
fortunate to have been  
allowed even this copy  
of the only gold medal struck.

I trust the new building  
is bringing satisfactory  
and that you & all your family  
are quite well -

Yours truly  
James Thompson

after Aug 10<sup>th</sup> my address  
will be %

Morgan & Co  
14 Place Vendôme  
Paris

This treasure is in  
the vault

August 5th, 1929.

Mr. Harold E. Gillingham,  
c/o Brown Shipley & Co.,  
123 Pall Mall, London, Eng.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter of July 25th is at hand, and we have also received the lead impression of the Bolivian medal which you were successful in getting for our Collection. I am writing to Spink, and enclose a carbon.

We have little news; Mr Newell comes in once a week; the building is progressing steadily.

I enclose a copy of a letter received from the legation of Guatemala, and I shall hold it along with an article about an Argentine medal of which you may, or may not have a record.

We have not as yet, received the book of which you wrote, but there are several steamers arriving tomorrow.

With cordial regards,

Enclosed  
two letters

Very truly yours,

Secretary.





TELEGRAMS BROWNHOTEL, LONDON  
TELEPHONE NO 850, GERRARD

BROWN'S HOTEL,

LONDON, W. I.

(DOVER & ALBEMARLE ST)

6  
aug.  
1929

Dear Mr Wood:

I saw at Paternoster  
today - a number of the  
English Trade medals for  
Engagements of her 1918 in  
various parts of the world.

I asked Atkinson to list  
them (with prices) for  
me - Look up & see how  
many - if any - you have  
in the Cabinets, and I  
will try to add to the  
Society's specimens.

There are some I have  
not - but I cannot  
remember to think I need,  
so may not order mine  
until I get home - So  
there is no hurry for you to  
send the needed ones to me  
here - mail it to "432"  
by Sept 20 -

I trust you & your family  
are keeping well in the  
oppressive weather I see  
you have had. Here it  
is cold & rainy -

My regards to all -

Sincerely,

Samuel J. May

August 7th, 1929.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
c/o Brown Shipley & Co.,  
123 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1,  
England.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

The decorations from the Salles sale have arrived, and they are in bad shape. They were thrown into two large envelopes, and then wrapped up in heavy paper, so that they are pretty badly damaged. Am enclosing a copy of my letter to Bourgey. It shows what I have done.

Things are still in a terrible shape, and many of the joys of life have temporarily fled

Very truly yours,

Enclosed

Curator.

carbon of letter to Bourgey

August 15th, 1929

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
c/o Morgan & Co.,  
14 Place Vendome, Paris, France.

My dear Mr. Gillingham :

The only English Service Medal we have dated since 1918, is the one inscribed " Persian Gulf "; I cannot tell absolutely, as all the swinging cases are sealed up to prevent dirt and grit from getting in. In other words, these have been at a standstill since Saltus' death.

We have managed to keep comfortable, and I have tried to be in Westport four days a week, the other two days here. The building is slowly but surely getting on.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
TEL. GERMANTOWN 11-29

18 October 1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

ONLY IF YOU BID on any of Elder's items for sale of November 7th, would you mind trying to secure for me-item 213. I will pay \$3.00 for my own Fire-mark booklet. We have put other worthless (to me) books in with this, and as it has to be bought per piece, we will have to bid high enough to get it, but I do not want the other stuff. This is not really important, but as the edition is exhausted, I would like to get all available copies. Do not mention my name to Elder. He and I are not dealing with each other, tho' he continues to send me catalogues.

I hope you are feeling better. Do not take it too strenuously for awhile. Sorry I was told you could not attend last Council Meeting.

Harrold E. Gillingham  
Sincerely,  
Harrold E. Gillingham

4/13-25  
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Nov. 4, 1929

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have delayed answering your letter of October 18th, because I was hoping to find some one who would be going to Elder's sale. So far I have not been successful. However, I have sent him a bid of seventy-five cents each for Lot 213, in my name.

I am enclosing a letter from a Mr. J.B. Rios, which I think might interest you. In replying, I gave him your name, so you may hear from it. It might be possible for you to get together, and I trust to your advantage.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

November 18th 1929

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I put a bid of three dollars on the lot containing your fireplace book at Elder's, and being a mind reader, got them at that exact price. I am herewith sending this lot to you by parcel post.

I happened to glance at your monograph and saw that it was a presentation copy from you to Elder.

Things are progressing here, but the past few days have been full of confusion as the telephone men are laying new conduits in the old building, and the electricians are substituting new wiring for old.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.



EDWARD T. NEWELL  
PRESIDENT

SYDNEY P. NOE  
SECRETARY

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
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TELEPHONE:  
WADSWORTH 7735

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

November 18th 1929

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Germantown, Phila., Pa.

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Things are progressing here, but the past few days have been full of confusion as the telephone men are laying new conduits in the old building, and the electricians are substituting new wiring for old.

Sincerely yours,

*Howland Wood*  
Curator.

*Many, many thanks. I await the receipt of the money. I don't know if you bid personally or in A N S name - but this check will cover postage & trouble.*  
*H.E.G.*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

24  
November  
1929

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for the  
clipping of Mrs Roosevelt's  
receiving the "Kiss-Boi".

I have a specimen.  
It's mentioned in my "French  
Colonial" wrong - atch. -

Please give the enclosed  
to Mr. Newell for the Robertson  
Coin Fund and my Xmas gift.  
Very truly  
Harrold E. Gillingham

November 26, 1929

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your favor received and I will show  
Mr. Newell your cheque. This is the second Xmas  
gift, Mr. Newell having beaten you to it, I am  
also enclosing another picture of Mrs. Roosevelt's  
decoration.

Sincerely,



432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

25 December 1929

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

As the Annual Meeting is but a bare two weeks ahead of us, I think it time to prepare for the Annual Report of my Committee on Decorations and War-medals.

Will you be good enough to advise me if the Society has acquired any others than those which came through my humble efforts. They are as follows-

- ✓ These Decorations from Guatemala,
- ✓ The Bolivian Decoration to Nicolas Suarez. Restrike from Spink.
- Order of St. Patrick, gold insignia of 18th. century.
- Insignia, Garter King at Arms. early 19th. century design.
- Army General Service Medal, bar "Kurdistan".
- do do 2 bars. Iraq- Kurdistan.
- Spain- Paz du Maroc.
- France- gold, silver & bronze medals for Services in Syria.
- France. bronze and silver medals of Merit for Syria.

Do you know of any other new Decorations or Medals? I have read that the Irish Free State have adopted a Decoration of Honour. And that France has adopted a Medal for Physical Education, primarily for athletes. If you have any facts to be passed on to this Committee for the report, I would appreciate your advising me as early as possible. I know you are all probably rather hectically busy, in getting things rearranged and installed in our new "palace", and hesitate about bothering you. But Annual meetings will come around once in a while, and Committees must report.

With kind regards and wishing you the compliments of the Season, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Harold T. Lillingham*

*Send J. W. Wood*



December 28th 1929

Mr. Harold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter at hand, and if it were not for a nice donation from General Falls, which he handed to me the other day, our accessions in decorations for this year, would be insignificant, except for your contributions, which make this class of accessions of the first water. General Falls' address is below.

I know not of new decorations or medals other than what we have received, but this means nothing as I have not been on the lookout for anything in recent months. I had not heard of the Irish Free State Decoration of Honour.

I am enclosing a list of what we have acquired, which I trust you can make out, not counting yours, as you seem to have a good record.

Yours sincerely,

Curator

General De Witt C. Falls  
610 Park Avenue  
New York City

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

12 January 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I lunched with General Falls on Saturday last, and in course of conversation found he had spent last summer \$140. for the several Belgian and French medals he gave the Society. Incidentally they should be noted on the cards of members, for he should soon--if not already--be made a Patron, for the various gifts he has made. Has he been given credit for the other gifts he has made in years past ?

Yesterday's meeting was a great success I thought, and went off swimmingly.

Very truly yours,

*Harold E. Gillingham*

In looking over cards with Mrs. Bronson, I noticed few if any donations for 1929 had been entered, and think they should be at once.

January 16, 1930

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am very glad you wrote me about the value of General Falls' gift. He did not mention to me how much he had paid for these medals. However, this is his most expensive gift, and I can say off-hand that his donations have not yet reached five hundred dollars, but I will credit him with the amount mentioned in your letter.

When Mrs. Bronson has the chance, she intends to note on the cards the various donations of our members. She and I will go over the list together, shortly. Due to the upset conditions that have prevailed, this matter has not been attended to in the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Curator.

March 26, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Gemantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed was sent me by General Falls.  
It will be of interest to you in case you have not seen  
it.

Sincerely,

Curator.



April 15, 1930

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith enclosing the statement from the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company for services rendered for the year 1929. I think you should O.K. this and return it to the bank. Heretofore, if I remember correctly, they have simply deducted this amount.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

April 14, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Phila., Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Herewith I am enclosing the quarterly bank statement. It did not arrive until late Friday, and as we needed it for reviewing for the Saturday meeting, I did not have an opportunity of forwarding it to you till to-day. You will note that most of our expenditures are within normal. The Transit account deficit is due to one person. Sundries may seem high but this is due to a number of miscellaneous items necessary for getting settled in the new building. This account should not be so high hereafter. Repairs covers the new typewriter. I think the A. M. Sullivan Medal Fund should not now be included in our principal accounts.

I am enclosing a rubbing of a brass drawer-pull with a head of Washington. I never saw this die before. It is not given in Baker or anywhere else. The medallion itself is a brass shell. Offhand, what would you offer for it? We ought to have it in our Washington collection. Excuse the poor drawing. It is the best I could do.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

August 12, 1930

H. E. Gillingham, Esq.  
c/o Morgan & Company  
14 Place Vendome  
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

After much red tape I have at last gotten the Baquevill medals out of the Customs House. I am much pleased with them. Two of them we already have, but I am glad to have a second copy so that we can show the reverse side - these are the Japanese and Greek victory medals.

We have had an extremely hot, dry summer here, just the opposite of what I hear you have had in Europe. Things are moving along smoothly and we shall all be glad to see you back in the autumn. I am on my vacation and am only here two days a week.

I note in the last "Numismatist" and eight-pointed star superimposed upon another eight-pointed star that the French government has just created - the Order of Maritime Merit - given as a recompense to French merchant-ship sailors, officers and so forth. You might keep your eyes open for one of these.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.





TELEPHONES:  
GERRARD 9426.  
" 9427.  
PRIVATE BOX EXCHANGE.

F. R. SARTORI,  
PROPRIETOR.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL  
CORRESPONDENCE TO  
THE MANAGER.

Duke's Hotel,

35, St. James's Place,

London, S.W.1.

23 August 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Yours of 12<sup>th</sup> August was forwarded,  
Duke, as we left Paris on 27<sup>th</sup> July

As I had not seen the "Order of  
Maritime Merit" of which you  
spoke - I wish you would

write to A. Bacquville, Palais  
Royal, Paris, to order two. (one  
for the A.N.S. and one for me) and I  
will pay for both when they  
arrive. - If Bacquville does not

make them - he probably can secure  
them from the maker. -

I hope by now the Knights  
of Baronet's Badges have arrived  
from the Royal mint. I wrote to  
Mr. Hoc a week or so ago - saying



and summer summer from the  
"Home Office" to get specimens of  
Each for the Society. -

Summer from hot & full - I see you  
have been suffering from the rigid  
yourself hope it has been - moderate -  
to sufficiently cool things off a bit.  
It certainly must have been a great  
relief after that long hot period.  
When those Knights & Barons' ladders  
will you have (please) Mr.  
Robertson photograph them for me.  
I think I shall write a short story  
of them and send it to the Museumist  
as it would hardly do for a monograph.

My kind remembrances to you - your  
family (whom I trust are all quite  
well) and all at the Museum.

Very truly yours

J. D. C. Cullingham

We sat 13<sup>th</sup> September  
on "Mimewaska" T. C.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

25 September 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Have you in the Society's collection, the membership badge of The Distiller's Company of London ? It's one of the old Guilds, and each one had a silver medal for badge. I bought a duplicate this summer (unintentionally) and if you have not got one, will bring it over next time I come.

Did the Baronet's and Knight's badges come from the Royal Mint of London yet ?

Best remembrances to you all.

Sincerely

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Sept. 27, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am glad to know that you are back. Yesterday we received the Knights and Baronets badges from the Royal Mint. These and the other things that came I am holding for your inspection. Did you receive a catalogue from Otto Helbing of Munich, of an auction sale on October 14th? It includes a fine collection of medals and decorations. I am bidding on some of the Napoleonic medals but not on any of the decorations.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

4 October 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

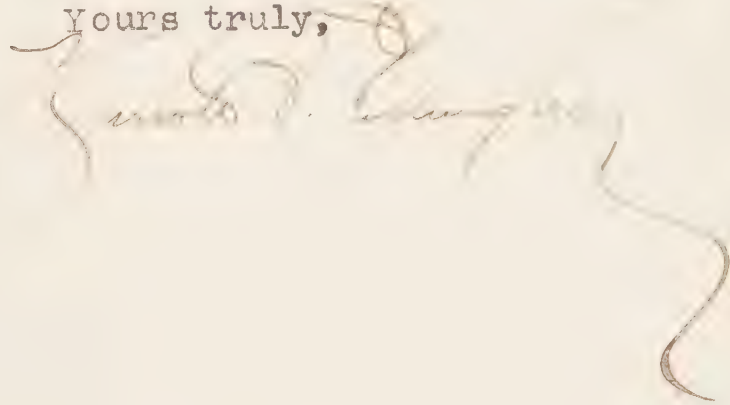
I have a duplicate of the Russian medal in memory of the reign of Alexander III, with his bust and title on obv. and 1881-1894 on reverse, and will give it to the A.N.S. if they do not have it.

Hazeltansent me a list of Baldwin's medals, duplicating his, they are as follows-

- 1- Siege of Sebastopol 1854-1855 without ribbon.
- 2- Silver medal for war with Hungary and Transylvania, 1849 with incorrect ribbon.
- 3- silver medal same as first I offer.

If you want any of these, order them from him, and I will pay, his price ~~is~~ 5 shillings each.

Yours truly,





Oct. 7, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.

432 West price Street

Germantown, Phila, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith enclosing the quarterly report of the bank which has just come in; I have not given it, as yet, any study. We have another copy here. I am also enclosing the Bacqueville bill. The two decorations came fifteen minutes after you left, and under separate cover I am sending one.

Many thanks for the newspaper clipping about the Elsworth medal. I will keep my eye peeled for one of these.

In reply to your letter of the 4th, we have all of the Russian medals you write about. Do not forget to send me the "dope" on the Baronets and Knights badges.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

Oct. 15, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

In case you did not see this clipping the contents  
may interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Cur tor.

*Let's get it done*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21 October 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you be good enough to write my friend Henry C. Townsend <sup>T</sup>Fr., 423 Walnut Street, *Philadelphia* as to where he can buy those small coin boxes you use in the trays. He has a small collection of U S coins and wants to keep them in a drawer cabinet, without sliding all about, and I cannot find any advertisement in the Numismatist of who sells them. If you can readily do so, will you also mail him one as a sample.

If you have a very large stock-which you do not expect to use, perhaps the Society could make a small sum by selling him a few !!! But I leave that to your judgement.

With kind regards to you and all,

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Wm. A. Clarke  
211 Charles St.  
Baltimore



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

5 December 1930

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Before the rush of the end of the year arrives, will you kindly send me a list of the several Medals and Decorations the Society has received during the year 1930. I was thinking over my Committee report--for the Annual Meeting--and felt it would be a good thing to prepare ahead of time.

I've just received a wonderful book giving all authorities, descriptions etc. of the Decorations of the new European countries, such as Checko-Slovakia (?), Esthonia, Lettonia, Poland, Finland. It gives some I've never seen or heard of. Have written for another copy for the Society. Hope it arrives in time for the annual meeting.

Sorry not to have seen you last Tuesday eve. But imagine you had a much better time than others from the terrace, who had to say they enjoyed it. I was feeling pretty bun myself, and felt I did not do well, and might have talked longer.

Sincerely,

Harrold E. Gillingham

Dec. 10, 1930

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was sorry not to have seen you before you left the other day because I wished to tell you that I could not attend to hear your lecture; I was the host at the Oriental Club that evening.

I am herewith enclosing a list of the orders and decorations received during 1930. There are not many. I am very glad you have been able to procure such an excellent book on modern decorations. Such a publication is certainly needed.

You might state in your report that the medal and decoration collection is slowly being rearranged, and that a large number of the old cards that have become dull are being replaced by new ones.

Hoping to see you on Friday,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Dear Mr,Wood: -

The Titles of the badges are-

BARONETS BADGE. For all Baronets of England,  
Ireland and of Great Britain (other than for  
Baronets of Scotland.

Authorized April 13-1929 (The one with the  
red hand)

BADGE OF KNIGHT BACHELOR. or Knights Badge.

Authorized April 21-1926. (The gilt one with  
sword)

Sincerely,

Will you kindly ask Mr.Noë to acknowledge these,if  
he has not already done so;to "The Registrar of the  
Baronetage, Home Office, WhiteHall,S.W.1.London".  
So that they will have an official acknowledgement  
of the Society of their receipt. And to invite  
him or his representative to visit the Museum,if they  
are ever in New York.

List of Medals and Decorations received during 1930

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1 Bulgarian Red Cross

1 Spanish Order of St. Ferdinand, plaque

presented by Alan W. Hazelton

1 Veterans of Foreign Wars, badge

Award for proficiency C.M.T.C. from Veterans of Foreign Wars

1 Badge given to those making the gold star pilgrimage to the battlefields  
of the World War.

presented by the United States Lines

1 Badge given by the U. S. to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage  
to Europe.

Purchased by the A.N.S.

1 Latvia, Order of Three Stars

1 Poland, Commemorative Medal

1 Brazil, War Cross

1 Japan, Victory Medal

1 Greece, Victory Medal

1 France, Cross of Maritime Merit

1 Distillers Company of London, badge

1 Great Britian, Knights Badge

1 " " Baronets Badge

presented by Harrold E. Gillingham



- 1 France: Merit Maritime
- 1 " Merit Libanaise 1st class
- 1 " Education Physique - one each 1st, 2nd and 3rd class.
- 1 Iraq, Service Medal Miniature
- 1 Brazil, Miniature War Cross
- 1 Spain, Morocco Medal
- 1 Cambodia, Cross of Sena Tayseddh
- 1 " Medal of Sisawath showing new and old ribbons
- 1 Italy, Turkish Campaign
- 2 " Service Crosses

Presented by Gen'l DeWitt C. Falls.

Jan. 14, 1931

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Have you any idea what this Italian medal is for, of which I am sending you a fragment of the ribbon and a rubbing? Falls has a specimen of the ribbon but he doesn't know what it is for.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

January 24, 1931

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.

432 West Price Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just received from Baldwin, two Republic (?) of China badges stating that they had been sent by your order. Shall I hold them here until you come or shall I mail them to you? They do not look to me like official badges. Ros had both of them amonst his miscellaneous pieces.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

EDWARD T. NEWELL  
PRESIDENT

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Sincerely yours,

Curator.

Baldwin sent me a sketch of these. I did not have them, and did not remember the Society having them, so ordered them. If you have them, please send them on to me. Thanks for the suggestion. I did think I would get over soon, but after having the children here sick, I had to get the grippe and am just up.

Sincerely,

27th. January 1931



Jan. 28, 1931

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We do not have either of the Chinese pieces and  
Ros's stuff has been returned to him. Shall I keep these or  
send them to you. If we are to keep them did Baldwin give you  
any indication of what they were issued for?

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Curator.

Jan. 29-1931

Of course keep them, if you want them, and hang them up in a case. I felt from your previous letter you did not seem to think much of them. Have sent Baldwin a check for 5 Guineas in payment today. Baldwin did not know what they were. I thought Mr. Reilly could read the characters on them. I have excellent sketches of them, sent by Baldwin.

Hope Reilly is improving.

Sincerely,



432 West Price Street

Philadelphia.

14 March 1931

Mr. Howland Wood: -  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society

Dear Mr. Wood:-

SERVIAN Decoration Milish.

Inasmuch as your newly made Russian friend gave the Society that handsome breast star, I think they should also have the pendant, and I am sending by separate package mine, as a gift. This will make one more piece for the good year the President referred to for 1931. (That official is a good "getter" for the Society)

The date 1815 on the obverse is the year the Servians secured their independence from Turkey under the leadership of Milosh - Obrenovich. (See Ency. Britt. under Servia)

I cannot read the inscription on reverse. Maybe the new Russian member can. Probably the 1898 at bottom means another independence from some oppressor. The cypher over 1898 A I probably stands for Alexander the First.

Accept this with my compliments. I paid \$27.00 for this little piece, so you can judge the probable value of the 7 stars recently given.

Here is a clipping from The Evening Sun, March 13th. Why don't you answer it? Probably its a French Indo Chinese coin.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold V. Hedding*

## LOOKS LIKE 1003.

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**But the Owner of the Coin Thinks  
It May Be Dated 1903.**

To the What Do You Think Editor  
—Sir: I have a coin and I would like to know its value, if it has any. On one side there is a large square. In the square it says "25 Centimes." Around the edge of the coin are the words "Liberte Egalite Fraternite." The date is 1003.

On the other side is the picture of somebody—I guess it's a woman—with a wreath around her hair. The words on that side are "Republique Francaise." There is more writing, but I can't make out what it is.

I have taken into consideration that France was not a republic in 1003 and that the date might be 1903, but I have also showed it to several people and they were all sure that the date is 1003.

If the coin was made it 1003, what would it be worth now? Do you think there is any chance of it being 1903?

HELEN F. M.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

17 March 1931

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

INDIAN MEDALS.

Enclosed is a photograph of what looks like a pewter (or white metal) Peace medal, sent to The Historical Society for identification-if possible-

I can find nothing like it in Belden. You will notice the word FRIENDSHIP is above, and below is PIPE OF PEACE. Stars between, on the outer circle.

In Centre 1789 with clasped hands above and the crossed pipe and tomahawk below. All within a laurel wreath.

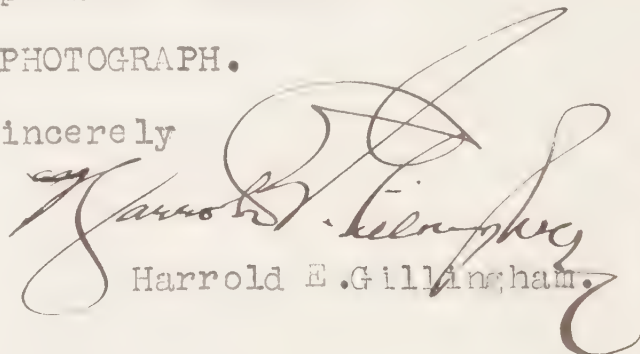
The obverse is obliterated, -at least so the owner says- by the acids from the Indian's body (?) But most probably the metal has disintegrated from being buried so long. (It was plowed up in Oklahoma 40 years ago) Owner will not sell, but wants to know what he can about it.

I am rather inclined to think it is not official but something gotten up by a Trader or Indian Agent to satisfy some old chief.

Did you ever see this reverse on any official medal with the crossed pipe and tomahawk?

PLEASE RETURN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

Sincerely

  
Harrold E. Gillingham.

medal owned by  
Fred T. Albertson  
Lake Bay  
Washington,

Who will not sell, but wants to  
know what he can about it.

*Copy 12*

March 18, 1931

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your two letters are at hand together with the Serbian decoration for which the official "getter", the Society and I all extend to you our best thanks. The A 1 1898 clears up one of the obscurities about this piece. It evidently was instituted by Alexander I in 1898, and discontinued at his death. As yet I have not been able to find any book printed before his death or after 1898, so that most writers ~~write~~ then must have ignored it.

The Indian Peace Medal, the photograph of which I am returning, is that lead private medal illustrated by Belden on plate 22 - that unofficial medal that keeps bobbing up and causes us no end of bother.

I delayed answering you yesterday as I thought possibly you would show up here.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21 March 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am sending you-under separate cover-a photostatic copy of Mr. Holden's brevet for the Spanish commemorative medal LA PAZ. I believe you wanted to know the title of the medal, that you could label your specimen correctly.

In this life, nothing comes without work!! And Mr. Holden has asked me to translate the Brevet for him, as well as the inscription on the reverse of the Medal. As Dr. Noe (?) knows my knowledge of Spanish is quite limited, I want you-or Dr. Noe- to read this Brevet carefully, and translate the same for him, as well as the inscription of the reverse of the medal, and send to me at your convenience.

Now you have a specimen of the medal, as well as copy of the Brevet issued to one of the Society's Life members, you have about all pertaining thereto one could ask. One thing puzzles me is the Cross of the Seal of Solomon. Why is that attributable to the Moroccans? It is a Jewish emblem. What has it to do with the Moroccans, who are aside issue of Mohammedans I believe.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

August 5, 1931.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing a question from the American Association of Museums. They have, from time to time, written us for certain information or statistics, which we have given them. In this case, however, I did not feel that I cared to give them this information. This is a matter I consider up to you.

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

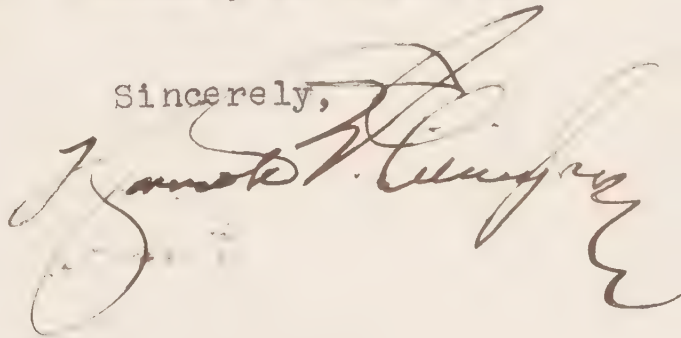
29th. October 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you kindly answer the enclosed letter about a "turtle and donkey" medal to me. It has been referred to me, and my Committee is as ignorant as the writer, although I have a faint recollection of having seen such a piece.

I don't suppose its a very valuable piece anyway, nor so historic. Probably an election token.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely reading 'Harrold E. Gillingham', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

October 30, 1931.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The copper piece with turtle and donkey is one of the series known as a "hard time token". Vast quantities of these with a variety of designs and inscriptions were gotten out privately in the late 30's and early 40's of the last century and were sold to merchants to pass out for 1¢ pieces. Some bear the merchants names on them but most of them were simply political. The bulk of them were made by the Scoville Manufacturing Company in Connecticut. A large portion were against Jackson and Van Buren for their policies, chiefly against Jackson in his determination to close down the Bank of the United States. The turtle and the donkey piece are still common and are worth anywhere from a few cents up.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

4 November 1931

Dear Mr. Noe:-

Professor Babb, Secretary of the David Rittenhouse Bicentenary Committee, has asked me if the Society could aid them with the following information. I thought Numismatically you might have some information on the subject.-  
I quote entirely his query-

"Rittenhouse was not only the first director of the Mint, but had a whole system of coinage worked out on the decimal system. I would like to establish how much he had to do with our present system. I find the term "Dollar" used in America as early as 1702, and understand it was used in England, possibly from the Dutch Thaler".

If you can throw any true light on his queries, will you advise me. But I fear it should come from historians rather than numismatists. But you people know so much up there that I appeal to the "high-brows" of the numismatic world.

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

8 November 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I enclose a letter from my friend-M. Andre Silice, of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, about some new pieces. Will you have Mr. Mosser make me a translation of this letter from where I have marked it (on second page) to the end and send both ~~to~~ me. At the same time, will you go over the Society's collection of Cambodian pieces and see which he mentions, that you might want for the cabinets.

Some of his writing is hard for me to make out, and perhaps Mr. Mosser can more readily decipher his hand writing. I've not answered his letter, because I want to be sure whenter he offers to give the pieces to me, or whether he expects me to purchase them.

If Mr. Mosser cannot do this that he can mail to me on Wednesday, together with your comments on the Society's needs, will you please send it to me,

c/o Mrs. Henry Russell Wray,  
The Rhinelander,

1329 Lexington Avenue, New York City. mailing it Thursday or Friday, I will stay with Mrs. Wray Friday.

I expect to be in New York Friday morning, and have two or three errands to do down town, so may not get to the Museum that day- though I expect to be at the Council meeting, as well as the general Meeting on Saturday the 12th.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



November 9, 1931.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter to Noe of November 4th was handed to me Saturday. I spent sometime trying to find out about Wittenhouse and check up on the information that you mentioned. From the material we had here, I could find absolutely nothing beyond his stewardship as Director of the Mint and not one word about his originating the decimal system. All of the accounts seem to give the credit for this to Hamilton or Morris.

You mentioned your coming to New York for the Council meeting this week. Perhaps you have forgotten that the November meeting has been postponed until November 20th, due to Mr. Noe's absence all of this week.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

November 10, 1931.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter with the letter  
from Andre Silice came just about the time I  
sent your yesterday's letter. Mr. Mosser has  
just translated it and here it is.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

16th. November 1931

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,

Dear Mr. Wood:-

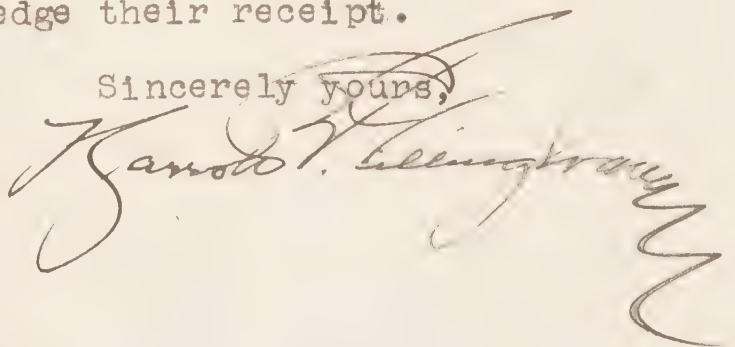
I enclose herewith four coins received today from my friend Silice, in Cambodia, which I trust will not duplicate any you have in the cabinets of the Society. There apparently are the ones he called Norodom's jubilee coins.

After receiving your translation of his letter and notations of what you would like, I wrote him telling of our desires, and hope it will bring forth fruit. He's a nice chap, and seems interested in me and my Numismatic friends. If these four pieces are of use to you, I think it would be nice for you to send him an appreciative letter.

Andre Silice,  
Conservateur du Musee du Cambodge,  
Phnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China.

I shall also acknowledge their receipt.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.

November 18, 1931.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was very glad to get the four pieces you sent on from Silice. Two we did not have, one we did have and a third we had but with a different edge, therefore, we are the gainers by three out of four. Three are medals of different dates and the other is a gift or presentation piece. I will write him a nice letter. Trusting to see you Friday, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator



January 4, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have received during the year 81 medals and decorations that would apply to your committee report. I am herewith giving you the list in detail.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

## DECORATIONS

### H. E. Gillingham

Russian	St. Anna about 1780 St. Andrew White Eagle (small) St. Stanislow (in jet) Switzerland Military Medal
Annam	4 orders 5 British campaign badges
Mexico	3. Buena Vista, Sonora, Military Merit 1 Washington Artillery 1 Spanish 1 Philippine Scout 1 Brazil Order of the Rose 44 medals and decorations South America

### Gilbert S. Perez

4 Philippine Scout Medals

### General Falls

155th Regiment N. Y. National Guard 10 year's service  
106th " " " "

### Aaan W. Hazelton

Russia	St. Anna Medal
"	Order of Andrew

### James H. Potter

Croix du Combattant

### Col. George L. Hamilton

6 Chinese Republic badges and decorations

### Purchased

1 Turkish gold medal given to British officers in 1801.  
U. S. Order of the Purple Heart  
U. S. Silver Star with oak cluster (new)

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

10 January 1932

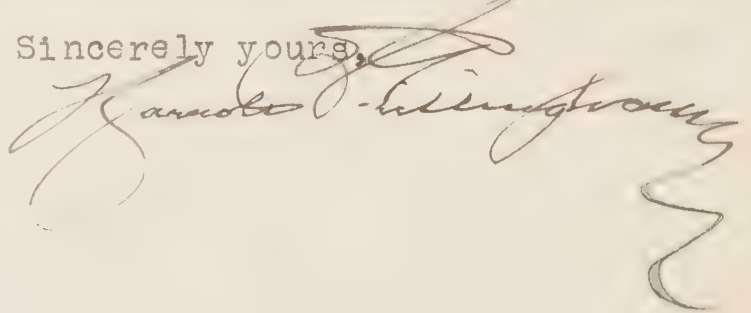
Dear Mr. Wood:-

First, I want to thank you and your fellow Committeemen for having suggested that I be the recipient of the Huntington Medal. You so managed affairs that I never had an inkling of it or its suggestion, until Mr. Field turned my way and announced my name. I feel deeply grateful to you all, and hope I shall always be worthy of it.

Secondly- I cannot find, in my French book on Arabian Astrolabes, any characters like those you gave me on the card. I regret being unable to thus assist you and Mr. Hoffman. Perhaps some Columbian professor of Arabic, might make something out for him.

Again, with appreciation of the medal,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is somewhat stylized, with a large, sweeping "H" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

30 January 1932

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 155th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

You may want to enter on your gift card record the valuation of the pieces I presented to the Society yesterday. Here are the figures from my inventory:-

RUSSIA-Order of St. Andrew, Commander's gold cross (Spink, 1930. 28-0-0)	\$40.
do Small gold White Eagle, (Spink, 44-5-0)	21.
do Star of White Eagle, (left in May last)	10.
do St. Anne, epoch 1780, paste jeweled.	15.
do do do 1900 gold Commander cross.	40.
do do do 1880 do do	15.
do St. Stanislaus, black enameled arms.	40.
do do military, crossed swords,	10.
ANNAM- Order of Kim Khanh, native gold. (Platt, 1923 560 fcs.)	55.
do Order of Kim Boi, native gold. (Waite Raymond sale, 1926)	40.
do Sapeque, or Ngan-Tien, Salles sale	15.
do do civilian, do	15.
ENGLAND- four silver, various, (duplicates)	10.
Swiss and Nassau, duplicates,	3.

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I do not include the Philippine medals, sent me by Perez. You can treat them as his gift, as he sent them to me two or three years ago, and he would want them to go to the Society.

I received the notice for Council meeting next Friday-the 5th.-and expect to come over. Should I not get up town, please ask Mr. Noe to bring down the casts of those two medals you were to make.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



February 2, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I will credit on your card the amount indicated in your letter for the medals you presented to us the other day.

I have been thinking over the matter of citations and have talked with Nee about it. I think we should begin to get these in and the place for them is in the library where a suitable portfolio should be gotten to keep them in.

The Phillipine medals I have credited to Perez. As a matter of fact, I think in a letter a few years ago he mentioned these pieces. I made the cast of the Forbes medal and have given it to Mr. Nee, as I will not be here on Friday.

Very truly yours,

HJ:JG

May 31, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Major Otto Holstein was in the other day and apparently is hard up. He left with me several medals he would like to sell the Society. I told him we had no money to buy, but he left them here and wanted me to try to sell them for him. Therefore I am passing the buck to you. I am enclosing rough sketches of these pieces. If you are interested you might make an offer. His address is Explorers Club, New York City. If you want I can send them on to you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

1st. June 1932

Dear Mr. Wood:-

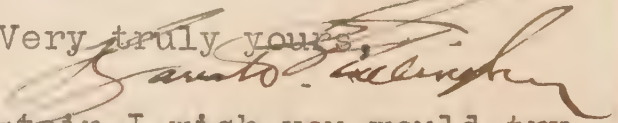
Your "sketches enclosed" of the Holstein medals, evidently got out. However, I'll be over next week for the Council meeting, and see you about them. I do not want them for myself, as I shall not attempt to get up another collection, but I've not lost interest in the Society's cabinets.

Go over them and see what you think they are worth in these hard times, and I'll see if we can finance their purchase (though dear knows, I've been hard hit of late)

As to the collections of Brevets and the books, they cost me \$153.00 in all. That included the two books at 7.00. (3.50 each). I suppose it is as well to enter it on the cards, for I shall take credit for the donation in my next Income Tax return. (And we shall need all credits this year-if what Congress suggests, goes through).

Have you many old French Assignats ? I've quite a lot, and maybe your files are the best place for them. I also recently bought a book on them-from Paris, which I intend to bring over for your Library.

Very truly yours,



The next time you see Holstein, I wish you would try and draw him out as to why he stopped correspondence with me. I felt something might have happened to offend him. Tho' felt entirely innocent.

June 8, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have attended to the various parts of your letter of June 1st with the exception of answering it. I am holding Holstein's medals here and will show them to you on Friday. Also, I want to talk with you about the new employers' liability insurance policy we have just received. They have jumped the rate terrifically. I have entered on your record the amount of your last donation. We have a number of the French assignments which does not mean that we have by any manner of means all of the varieties. I would like to see them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



June 11, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
422 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

About the time you left, Otto Holstein blew in and he accepted the offer of \$25.00 for those medals. He implied anything looked good to him just at the present moment. I quizzed him concerning his not answering your letters and he apparently had nothing against you except he has been knocking about so much that he possibly had not received all of your letters. He seemed to have more or less neglected his correspondence.

Very truly yours,

HT:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

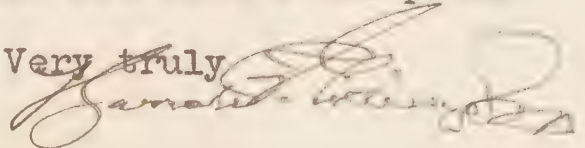
13 June 1932

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
Broadway & 155th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have your letter of the 11th. stating that Holstein was willing to part with those Mexican medals for \$25.00 and enclose herewith my check in payment for same, and accept them for the Society as a gift from me. I had no sooner stated to you to get them for that price, and I immediately regretted my generosity, but I am afraid this will be my last gift for some time. I, too, have had such a hard financial shock that I've got to trim sails pretty close for some time. But as I said it, I'll stick to my bargain. And here's the price of my impetuosity.

Very truly



September 15, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed newspaper clipping  
in case you have not seen it may interest you.  
Things have been going along here in the usual man-  
ner all summer and we will soon be getting into  
our winter stride.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

*Colony*

SOUTH AMERICAN MEDALS NOT IN THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION

Argentine

Cerrito and Montevideo 1814	silver
Paraguay 1865-70	"
Curupaity 1866	bronze
Corrientes 1865	silver
Nat. Guard Buenos Aires 1865	"
Negro and Patagonia 1881	bronze
Chaco 1870-84	"
Andes	"
Catamarca	"
Ringuelet	"
Santa Fe 1893	"
Commemoration Army of the Andes	gilt

Brazil

Plaque Order Southern Cross	
Medal of Fidelity 1823	gilt
Uruguay 1852	bronze
" 1865	silver
Uruguayana 1865	"
Uruguay 1865 oval	bronze
Cross for Paraguay 1870(2)	"
Bravery 1868	"

Bolivia

Cross of 1872	enamel
Prize Medal 1816	silver

Chili

Iquique 1879 Navy.	silver and enamel
Ancachs 1839	" " "
Tarapaca 1879	gilt
Cross for 1879-80	silver
Lima Campaign	gilt
" "	silver
Aconcagua	"
Firemen of Iquique	"

Ecuador

Cross for Independence	enamel
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Peru

Defense de Huchumayo 1836	gilt & enamel
Ayacuchu 1824	silver
3 one sided trial pieces	copper silvered



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Uruguay

Yatay 1865	silver
" "	bronze
Paraguay 1865-9	"
Instruction medal	lead

Venezuela

Order of Merit badge	gilt & enamel
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Mexico

Ferd VII Medal of Fidelity	copper
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Will return 13 pieces chiefly Chili together with a badge of the Medal of Honor legion.

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24th. October 1932

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.

The American Numismatic Society.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Here are two medals commemorating the 250th. arrival  
of William Penn in America, issued by this Committee, of which I  
happen to be a part. Accept these for the Society, together with the  
two bronze medals I gave Mr. Newell last week, as a gift from,

Yours always sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

*only 3 styles issued,*

*On sale by Philadelphia Bankers*

Small bronze	20¢	
Large	5.00	(two issues)
Silver	1.00	" "

October 28, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The package came today with the other William Penn commemorative medals and I wish to thank you very much for these. Noe spoke to me the other day about looking through the South American decorations. I will get at these just as quickly as I can but for some days to come I am tied up mounting photographs for the plater maker and do not want to delay on this.

Very truly yours,

H :JG

November 16, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith sending you a list of the South American decorations and medals which you left here. You will see that we desire most of them. If agreeable to you, these I will record as your Christmas present for this year. Shall I hold here or shall I return those that we do not want? It goes without saying that I beg to thank you for these and the Society itself, if it was not mute, would also thank you.

Not the other day handed me the note from Perez desiring two of the Philippine medals. Sometime ago I wrote them for someone else to get some of them and they absolutely turned me down and I really do not care about bringing up the question again. The law reads pretty clearly that they are issued to museums etc. for exhibition purposes. Locker has tried to get them, Connor and one or two others; I have forgotten now who it was I tried to get some for.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator



November 18, 1932.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing a clipping cut out of this morning's Times, showing three different Nicaraguan medals. Have you got the information about these? I was also wondering if we could get these given us. If you think there is a chance, who would be the best official to write to.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

19 November 1932

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks for the clipping about those  
Nicaragua Medals-

Medal of Merit  
Medal of Distinction  
Cross of Valor

I wrote to the Legation in Washinton in 1930  
for a copy of the Decree and the reply was that they  
would write home for it and send to me when it came,  
but you know "Manana" with those Spaniards.

Perhaps it might have more weight if you wrote  
to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Nicaragua, asking  
for specimens, explaining that we have a public museum,  
(send them a folder to show our building) and also ask  
for copies of the Decrees.

I appreciate your remembering me, and hope you  
have better success.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

February 8, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for the notation about the gold medals given to Ensign Reynolds, U. S. N. This fact would not go into the scope of Belden's book. Nevertheless, I am glad to know about this and have put it with other similar material. It is interesting to note that both New York and Massachusetts probably gave their medals for the same event. I have found one or two other similar instances. As a matter of fact, I should judge that they follow quite closely, or did in the old days, the reports of the bestowal of government medals.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

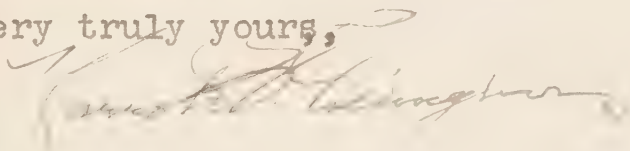
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

11 February 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I ordered a gold medal from Baldwin, of London. Given by McClintock Marshall & Co. for work at Panama. They write it has been sent to the Society. When it comes, will you please send it to me. The Society will probably eventually get it, but I want to see it, and, incidentally, endeavour to ascertain why it was awarded.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", written over a horizontal line.



February 14, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Saturday the package  
for you came and as yesterday was a holiday  
I did not get a chance to send it until today.  
Your letter just received.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

June 8-1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I notice in the July number of The Numismatist a number of recently issued new Medals, and wondered if you could spare time to write for the various ones you do not now have in the society's cabinets.

I have already written to the Mexican and Brazilian Ambassadors at Washington for copies of the Decrees for the new decorations mentioned on p. 435. At the bottom of that page are several others mentioned, which you may not have.

Sincerely

Harrold E. Gilliam



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th. street,  
New York City.

June 9, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

As per your request I am sending the coins back to you. I am sorry you will not be able to get up as I wanted to show you something I bought yesterday. It is a King's messenger badge of the time of George III and is a pretty nice specimen. A man came in with it and wanted to know what we would give for it and I said off-hand I would give \$10.00 and he took me up. In looking it up I found a very similar one but with the ribbon and in its original case sold in England for £37. So unwittingly I did pretty well!

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



June 13, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed clipping  
may interest you. This seems to be a semi-  
private religious order.

Very truly yours,

HW:JCF

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

13 June 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many, many thanks for all your trouble over those Egyptian coins. It was as I thought, they apparently are not rare ones, but my friend bought them -as most tourists do- from natives who had just dug them up et<sub>c</sub>.etc. You know the way they get fooled. But she thought they were "tres rare".

Your find of the Kings Messenger Badge was indeed a great one. I'll take it off your hands any time for \$10.00 I have George IV's and Victoria's only. (I kept these) And my friend Holohan of London ( a Messenger, himself) is writing a book on the subject. I sent the Society a copy of his "Boutell's Manual of Heraldry" I believe. He tells me the Victoria one is very scarce indeed.

Again, many thanks. Sorry to have missed the meeting on Friday. Just now I am housed with a game leg. Something like hardening of the arteries in the calf of the leg, like cramps, and mighty mainful.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

17 June 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Can you throw any light on the star represented in the enclosed sketch. (which kindly return with your reply) I have been asked to place it, with the suggestion it might be Hawaai, but there is not the slightest resemblance to anything on the star with the three Hawaain pieces I have. The word HOKU is King in the Hawaain language I believe, but I cannot place anything else.

If only that \$45. book was out, which Mr. Noe is going to order I believe, perhaps that might tell.

Can you decipher the Arms in centre?

Sincerely

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

June 19, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I can throw some light on the enclosed sketch which I am returning. The coat of arms are the arms of the Tonga Islands, sometimes called Toga Islands and it may be of fairly recent origin as the independent kings and queens of this island have come up in recent years. I, however, can find no mention of it in any book.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



July 14, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for the presentation when it comes of the Tonga Breast Star. Your other letter at hand and I am writing one or two of the people mentioned in the Humanist for decorations.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Germantown,  
19 July 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:--

When you have a moments leisure, look at your "bargain" King's Messenger badge, George III. and see if the Arms of France are incorporated in the escutcheon. I was writing my friend Major Holohan, of London, one of the Messengers, and he said it was certainly a bargain. But there were two styles, as George III had such a long reign, 1761-1818. If it has the French Arms incorporated, it is prior to 1801.

He also says that next to the badges of Queen Anne's reign, the rarest silver greyhounds are those of Edward VII. Only five were issued. two are still in use, two in hands of retired messengers, and the fifth in a private collection.

His History of the Messengers is held up on account of costs. But he hopes it will appear in time.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Germantown

July 21-1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for the drawing of the two King's Messenger badges. It certainly looks as if the Society had the "one and only" badge in the hands of the public, and I am so glad. I'll, send your sketch to Major Holohan. But-incidentally-that animal at the bottom is a greyhound, not a lion, as you had one marked. But I have to admit its a funny looking hound. Like one of mine.

I'm sorry the George III is after 1801. But its a good piece anyway.

Many thanks for the letter paper which arrived this morning.

Hoping you are able to keep cool,

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21 August 1933

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I have just heard - for the first time - from the Marquis de Champvans de Faremont, who has been traveling since he left us. He encloses two "Propositions" for completion and signature. One by you and one by Mr. Wood. Upon receipt of them filled out, he will make the nominations to the Institut Historique et Heraldique de France, and you will both be officially notified of your election.

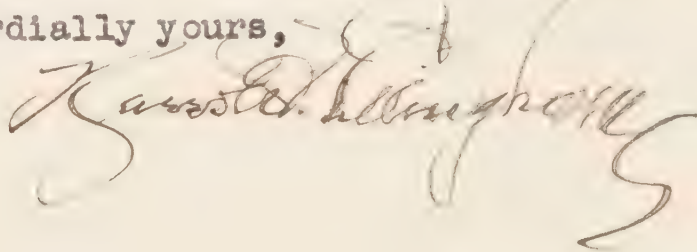
You may either send them direct to him at 6, Rue Charles Weiss, Paris 15e., or return them to me, which ever you desire. Perhaps it would be as well for you to forward them.

He tells me that I have been nominated and will receive notice later. I filled one of these blanks out and sent him in New York.

Hoping all is well with you and the family,

I am,

Cordially yours,





September 8, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I happened to be in today and I noticed that the Tonga decoration has reached here from Spink, after having been held up in the post office. It really is a much better looking affair than the pencil drawing indicated. It is a very well made star and is without any doubt an official issue by the Tonga sovereigns who have been fairly important in recent years under the Bank of England. Again many thanks for giving this piece to us.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

October 4, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing a clipping from today's Times showing the bestowal of a Colombian order on an American.

The other day we received from the Stannan government on request their War Medal and Victory Medal and colored photographs of their various orders. I have those handy as you can see them the next time you are here. I was hoping to get some of the orders but must remain content with just the photographs.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

7 October 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

What can you tell me about the TRANSIT A/C ?  
July 1st. we had a deficit of \$37.96 and yet September 30th.  
shows still a shortage in income of \$53.38. WHY ?????

By-the-way. I've heard from my English Major,  
about your Edward VII Kings Messenger badge. He said it  
was sold some years ago at Glendinning's and bought by Fred  
Saldwin. It is not genuine. Mess. Garrard made all the  
badges for Edward's reign, and they have just accounted for  
every one. Another thing, the real greyhound is longer than  
yours, which I believe is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. And does  
yours look as if the hound was cut by hand ? The true ones  
are cast. He also criticizes the cypher, and sends me  
the enclosed print to show Edward's cypher and how the  
true messenger's badge should be. Has yours a number  
on the back ? Did you ever have a photograph made  
of the Society's ? If so, I'd like to send it to Major  
Wheeler-Holohan. And can get from him a photograph of  
the genuine one, if you want it.

Sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham

October 9, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and I am now inclined to think that our Kings Messenger badge is not genuine. Robertson is photographing this evening and I am having him make a negative of this and will send it to you in a few days. You did not enclose the print of Edward's cypher that you said you were enclosing. There is no number on the back of the Messenger badge, only a Hall mark.

As for Transit - it is solvent. Outside of one bill there are very few unpaid bills outstanding. This one bill today amounts to \$285.95 owed Transit. On August 1st 1933, it was owed by this person. Since then \$43.00 has been cleared up.

In February we paid from Transit by order of the Council \$257.00 to Dr. Herbert Muller of Peiping, China for some very ancient Chinese coins. Since then the chief item paid by Transit was for a gold life saving medal that was purchased while I was in the hospital and at that time no other fund was available to pay for it. During the summer we have done very little photography for which we could make a charge - therefore Transit has not grown very much. As you may remember the profit accruing to the Transit fund is for the photographs we make for outside sources. Can you let me know what is in the Avery fund - I have not seen the bank statement for a long time.

I have just had a letter from Gifford who says he has just gotten the Austrian Golden Fleece that formerly belonged to the Count Apponyi together with a special gold collar. This and the collar certainly is a wonderful item. As you know we have the Austrian Fleece but without the collar.

I saw in the paper the other day a review of your book on Marine Insurance. They gave you a very good write-up. I



Mr. Gillingham - 2

October 9, 1933.

think it was in Saturday night's Sun. Unfortunately I was reading it going down to the country and the paper got lost before I got a chance to cut out the article.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

October 17, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Have you seen the sale catalogue of the collection of the late Charles P. Senter to be held October 27th at the American Art Association? There are a lot of fine decorations in it, as well as Indian Peace medals. There are a few of the Peace medals I am going to try to get. There are also a number of the decorations but I doubt if we can get much, though I do not believe that they will bring very big prices.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 21, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

In reference to your note to Mr. Noe about the Order of the Southern Cross I will drop a note to Lamaitre as to what they charge etc., as I am also after the Brazilian Victory Medal. I have written several times to the Brazilian Embassy for this. After you left I spent some time in going through our record book as to when we received from Saltus the Edward VII Kings Messenger. We had it accessioned under July 15, 1909, and it is consequently one of the earlier things that he bought. I have no proof that he got it from Baldwin but presumably he did.

Very truly yours,

HWL:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

23 October 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Answering your letter of the 21st. I have no knowledge whatever of any Victory Medals gotten out by the South American countries, save Panama and Cuba, of which you are already aware.

Thanks for the information about the King's Messenger badge.

The mystery of the Spanish Bravery Medal of Catalonia, 1810 is cleared up by the enclosed letter from Spink & Son. It may be genuine, but none of the books on Spanish medals or decorations mention it. However, I think their price of £5. is crazy. I would not give it, nor can I afford to present it to the Society at this time. If you have money to buy it and will pay the price, send them the check. Otherwise return it and say we feel it is not worth over £1. (That's the way I feel about it) It may have been a medal gotten out by the Department of Catalonia. I feel convinced it is not by the Spanish Government. Which ever you decide on doing, please answer Spink's letter to me.

The enclosed letter from the "Wall Street Journal" sends me a German Ten Million Mark note. You may have it if you think it genuine. I don't want it, nor do I want their Journal.

Yours very truly,





October 25, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter at hand and I am returning the Catalune medal to Spink. I have looked at it carefully and although it may be old and an original, it is cast not struck. The ribbon which is red and yellow may or may not be old. It has a gold wash on it. Yes, I agree with you that Spink is crazy to ask £ 5. for it. Also I think he has unlimited nerve.

I am keeping the ~~ten~~ million mark note, although we have several this is of a different series.

Are you sure Panama issued a Victory Medal. We do not have one. All we have is LaSolalada. I cannot find your notes on Central American medals. Noe is not in today. Possibly you have them at home.

There are a number of fine Indian Peace medals in the Senter sale. I was looking them over yesterday and there are two or three we should have. I will bid on a few. There are also a number of decorations that I will try to get if they are within our pocketbook. He has some beauties. He has several garters, evidently two different sets. The regular ones are recent. The long rod and the badge that goes with it may be a little older. This is Lot 120. Lot 125 is a beauty and however will go at a big price as it is set with diamonds and pearls. I would like to know how Senter got hold of Lot 126. I think they are perfectly genuine. In Lot 181 are a few we do not have - most of them we do. In this lot is the Badge of the Tonga Islands of which you have just given us the Star. This is rather interesting as none of us have ever heard of this decoration and now the Badge and Star have turned up from two different sources.

Very truly yours,

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

26 October 1933

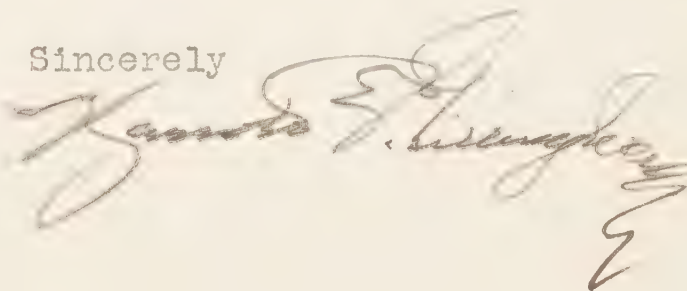
Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks for the rubbing of the Spanish medal sent by Spink. I hope when you return it, you will tell him what you and I think about him.

I was wrong about Panama's Victory medal. I was thinking of the La Solclada medal.

I have simply heard of the Senter sale. You mentioned it and some one else. Never saw a catalogue. Hope you get the Tonga badge, to match your Star. I'll treat the Society to it if you do. Would authorize you to get other decorations, but am simply "dead busted" this autumn.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

October 30, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing a couple of photographs of the George III Kings Messenger badge. I got about all I wanted at the Senter sale as regards Indian Peace medals at very reasonable prices. As for the decorations I got only a few, as Elliott Smith was bidding on the real choice ones and I did not want to compete with him. Two young fellows who represented C. A. Locker bought about all of the other decorations. The lot that the Tonga badge was in sold at a big price, some hat over \$100.00, as it included one diamond studded jewel.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

31 October 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for the photographs of the George III King's Messenger's Badge. I will send one to Mr. Wheeler-Holohan, of England, and ask his opinion of it. Sorry you did not get the Tonga badge, but at \$100. for the lot, is rather scary these times. I suppose with Smith and Locker bidding, you had little chance. If you secured any early Indian Medals, with the maker's names - or initials - stamped on them, I wish you would let me know. I saw the Washington medal of 1793 sold for \$375. which I thought rather reasonable.

Be sure and let me know next time I see you, the cost of these two photographs. I know the "Transit A/c" depends on such payments to keep it out of the red.

Sincerely yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham



November 1, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price St.  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I got none of the early Indian Peace medals with the maker's name stamped on them. The Washington oval medal with JR on it brought only \$375.00 because the rim around it was missing and it was simply the engraved oval disk of silver that remained.

Very truly yours,

HW:J

November 20, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The silver arm band in the Society's collection which was made somewhere around 1795-98 has been placed on loan with the Indian Museum. I looked at this the other day and there are no stamps, marks or initials upon it. Could you give us the full account that you found in the record of the Friendly Society, that is date, etc. concerning the twelve George II medals that they gave to the Indians? I think there is another record all about the same number of these being brought over to this country by one of the governors. Also, would you mind my giving this information to Mr. L. A. Renaud of Montreal, Canada, who for a number of years has been gathering all information about Colonial Indian Peace medals? He is also recording every known specimen of the Colonial period. I have been working with him for a number of years. Eventually we may or may not publish his results.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

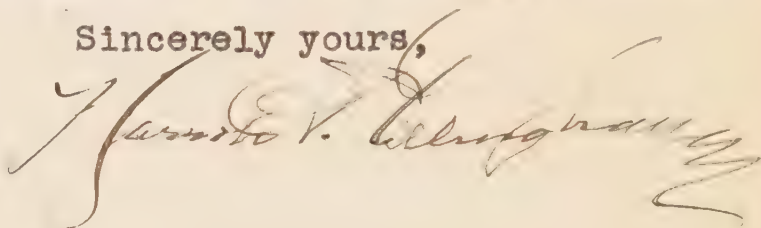
21 November 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Ordinarily I would not mind in the least giving you all the data possible about any medals, but in the case of the Friendly Society, I am now preparing an article for The Historical Society magazine, and when printed, will of course send you a copy and you will be at liberty to give such information therefrom to your friend Renaud as you see fit. I am afraid its not much though.

Am glad you are well and back at the office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", written in a cursive style.

I've not much data (new) about the Friendly medal. What I am after is Indian silver ornaments.

November 29, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Awhile ago you asked me to write to Paris concerning the Order of the Southern Cross of Brazil. Before opening the enclosed document be prepared against heart failure! Probably you will not care to take this rare opportunity of getting the whole series. After due contemplation please return the letter to me as I naturally as yet have not answered them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

1 December 1933

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Broadway & 155th Street,  
New York.

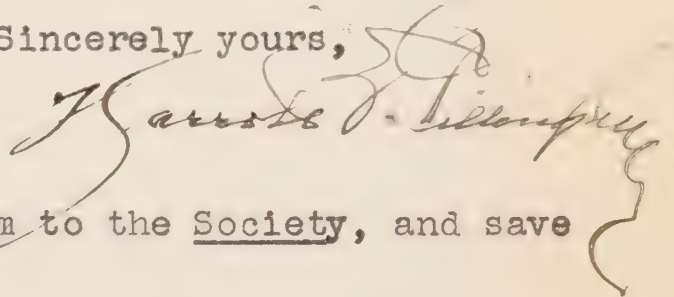
Dear Mr. Wood:-

That letter from Lemaitre did look rather startling at first reading. But as you do not need the pieces in gold, nor do you need all classes, I am willing to give the Society as a Christmas present, an Officer's cross in "vermeil", which would cost- plus postage- fcs. 153.10. (I've still a small balance in the Paris bank which may as well be used up that way).

I would not send check first. If he will not send them to the Society on faith, let him go to thunder. We can get them somehow later on.

I assume he makes them and is not getting them from some other manufacturer, also that this is the latest model of the "Croix de Sud."

Sincerely yours,



Insist that he sends them to the Society, and save Customs trouble.

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

2nd. December 1933

Mr, Howland Wood,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Here is a problem for you on Indian Peace Medals.

In May 1776 the Continental government was hardly giving out the George III medals to Indians. The Washington medals were not issued until after the war was over and George W. was President.

Yet, on May 31, 1776 George Morgan, Agent for Indian Affairs, wrote from Pittsburgh to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Middle Department, regarding them sending him certain goods for Indians. And as a post-script to his letter, wrote:-

" Be pleased to provide me with 20 large & 20 small Silver Medals with such Devices as you think proper."

I know of no Indian medals issued between 1756 and 1789, by the local authorities. (that is, medals made here). I wonder if he received some of those Friendly Society medals ? I've seen the letter today in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and intend to use it in my article, now "in process." But what could they have been ???????

I've also found a variation of the 1789 Washington medal, from what Belden illustrated on page 1. The oval at bottom is made into a female head with curled hair. (At least I've a photograph of it). Is it the second specimen Belden speaks of, being discovered in 1926 in Georgia, in a private collection ? If so, where is it now?

As to The Friendly Society giving George II medals. (Do not give this information away until my article is printed). In their Minutes of 31st. 7mo. 1756, they give a list of goods purchased to be given at the Treaty at Easton, "at the Expense of the People called Quakers", and after listing all sorts of Goods, there appears: " 12 Silver Medals with the King's head, the reverse the King's Arms." This of course was the



George II medals. To confirm this, on page 27 of the "Minutes of Conferences held with the Indians, at Easton, In the Months of July and November 1756", is a list of Goods given the Indians "at the Expence of the People called Quakers": " 12 Silver Medals of King George".

(This is a double confirmation that the Quaker Society gave the George II medals, before they had their own medal made by Duffield and Richardson.)

That pamphlet of "The Minutes" was printed by B. Franklin and D. Hall, "at the New Printing Office, Near the Market", in Philadelphia, 1757. I've been over it today at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Have you a good negative of the Friendly Society medal, with George II on obverse and the scene of "Onas" and Indian in reverse, with the motto "Let us look to the most high who blessed our Fathers with Peace"? If so, will you send me prints of obverse and reverse (And remind me of cost, that I may pay you next week). I have a print of Hudson Chapman's illustrated catalogue, but the obverse is not clear, and I thought it might have been photographed by you clear, and with a black background. Do not make a picture purposely until I write further.

That letter of George Morgan of 1776 certainly is a puzzler!!!

Yours very truly,

*Amos A. Linscott*

December 4, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Gerrantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Unfortunately the only print I have of the Friendly Society's medal is much reduced. I am enclosing the print which you need not bother to return as we have a number of these. If you wish it, next time we photograph, which should be in a few days, I can photograph the best of our specimens. I am also enclosing a print of the George II medal in case you want to use it. It is extremely rare - only a few are known. This piece is cast; whether all were or not I do not know, but it has a good pedigree. I am enclosing the letter that came with our medal when we got it. This photograph and letter please return sometime but you can have a cut made of it if you wish.

Morgan's letter is a conundrum. I would look at it in two ways - either he did or did not get the medals he asked for. As they did not have proper ones to supply, which I am inclined to think they did not, he didn't get the medals. Also, it is a pretty safe guess to say that he did not get 20 large and 20 small medals because there was apparently no such thing at that time. He probably ordered the two sizes because the Happy White United medal of 1764 and 7 of George III came in two sizes and he was familiar with those, as many of these were given out at Fort Detroit. If he did get any medals I think your guess of the Friendly Society medals is the best.

The State of Virginia medal, if any were ever really issued, bore the date 1780, which puts them out of the running.

As regards the 1789 medal, the second specimen that came from the South presented the same general appearance as ours but it differed in detail. I remember the oval shield at the bottom was slightly different. This was sold to Elder, who sold it to Myte Raymond, who sold it to somebody running an antique shop in Pennsylvania. I have the recollection in the back of my mind that it was Bears Barn but I may be way off on this name. I know of no third specimen. I promise you I will not give away your thunder until your article is printed.

Many thanks for your other letter. I will write LaMaitre ordering the Officers Cross of the Southern Cross for 153 francs telling him to send a bill and we will have a check sent. It is my understanding from some previous letter that you sent me or that I received from the Brazilian government that they were the official makers of this decoration.

Very truly yours,



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

6 December 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks for the photographs, but the Friendly photograph is too small for my purposes. And the George II one is so yellow, it may not come out clear. I would much rather pay for new photographs. Next time you are working the camera, will you please have me new ones made, of each medal and both sides of each.

That 1789 Washington oval medal, I wrote of, is probably the same. A scamp, named Camp, who kept an antique shop called the Barn, at Whitemarsh, Penna. had the medal for sale. If Raymond sold it, I hope he got the money for it, For Raymond is too nice a chap to get stung by such a fellow, who, fortunately, is out of the business now.

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

Found a third confirmation of the "King's medal" for the Friendly Association today.

*I return your paper & photos herewith.*

December 13, 1933.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith enclosing  
photographs of the George II medals which I  
think you will find good enough for re-  
production.

Very truly yours,

H :JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

21 December 1933

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Did you ever hear of an Indian silver medal issued by South Carolina ? A correspondent in Alabama has written me that he has one, 3 inches in diameter, solid silver, with the State Seal on South Carolina "on concave side", as he describes it.

It was found in an Indian burial ground somewhere in the South- I assume in Alabama. I hope to get a photograph of it.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

I am on the track of an earlier 1789 Indian Medal than Belden described, with an eagle on obverse in relief, with wood backing. I think it was made by a New York silversmith, when Congress was sitting in N.Y.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

26 December 1933

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.  
American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

How do you like this photograph of a new  
1789 Washington Indian Medal ?????????? I am fairly  
sure I know of the craftsman who produced it. Keep it  
to your self (and other Officers of the Society) until I  
am ready to release the news about its finding. I'm trying  
to buy it for the A.N.S. Not as a gift, but would expect  
reimbursement if I can secure it.

Did you ever hear of South Carolina giving  
Indian medals? Two have been found in Indian graves, and  
I'm working for photographs.

Also did you know that Sir William Johnson  
had medals made in Albany at the end of the 18th. century  
for Indians. I believe John G. Lansing, a silversmith who  
was working in 1780 made them. Wonder what they were.

Make no showing of this photograph outside  
the officers of the Society until I release the news.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*



January 2, 1934.

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your two letters and photograph at hand and they are certainly full of news. I have never seen or heard of the 1789 Indian Peace Medal. This is an absolutely new find. We certainly should try to get this piece. I have never heard of the South Carolina medal and I trust that you will be able to get photographs and the dope about these. In fact you seem to be stirring up more new stuff than Belden ever did. Also it is news to me about Sir William Johnson having special medals made. I will keep these absolutely sub rosa and show them to nobody except possibly Newell and Noe until you give the word. I have been away the past week at Boston and know what it is once again to get a temperature 18 below zero which we had for two days. Many thanks for sending on the photograph.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 9, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

As you probably will  
want our acquisitions in the decorations  
and Indian Peace medal line I am herewith  
sending you what we have acquired during  
1933.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Gold U. S. Life Saving Medal - last type

8 - American Patriotic Society badges formerly belong to  
Miss Jubia G. McAllister

3 - Papal decorations

1 - Badge Kings Messenger period of George III

1 - Breast Star Tonga Islands - H. M. G.

2 - Siam War medal and Victory Medal

20- U. S. Campaign medals

4 - Indian Peace medals. Jackson & Garfield in pewter  
Polk & Arthur in silver

Astor medal & Union Fur Co. medal in pewter - both unique

Small size George III Medal

18 Foreign orders and decorations

January 22, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have just cleared from the Appraisers Stores the Order of the Southern Cross. It is rather pretty with a liberty head on one side and the Southern Cross on the other. The enameled wreath is dark green on the left half and light green on the right half. I am enclosing the bill for this which came yesterday. Also, in Saturday's mail we received a wonderful catalogue of orders and decorations from Robert Ball of Berlin.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

25 January 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

The two medals enclosed are a gift from Mr. Robert M. Coyle, 423 Walnut Street, this city. He originated the small medal for the Bethany Sunday School. The other Wanamaker medal, was given him, and I thought the Society should have both in their collection, so asked for them. Please acknowledge them- gratefully- to him direct.

Sincerely,



for  
I mailed check, the Brazilian medal to Lemaitre, and asked them to acknowledge to the Society.

January 27, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
German town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The two medals at hand  
and many thanks for these. I will acknowledge  
the receipt to Mr. Coyle.

Very truly yours,

HE:JG

Curator

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February 13, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I wish to thank you for your check towards the purchase of Eklund's foreign bronze coins. Evidently showing you some of these was a good thing as I note you more than doubled your contribution. In other words - it pays to advertise. Again thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

21 February 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Page 31 of French Colonial Decorations I show a cross "Order of the Sultan", with two bulls and an eagle etc. Did I give this decoration to the Society. Its of Comores.

If so, will you look on the reverse and see if you can read any of the characters thereon. I have a letter today from the Marquis de Champvans de Faremont, telling me it is of Punjab, which is in British India. He says the head on obverse is the bust of Maharaja Ranjitsingh, and the inscription on reverse is "Maharaja Ranjit Singh Bagadur Vali-i-Punjab". Not having the piece, and being unable to translate it-if I had- I cannot dispute the statement.

But, I do feel there is nothing in that piece to resemble any British India decoration, nor is it like anything I know of from that country.

Does the Marquis know ?

Sincerely,

February 23, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

You did not turn over to us the Order of the Sultan nor have we one in our collection. Therefore I cannot help you out with the reverse side. I may or may not have seen this decoration at the time but if I did I do not remember it. I am sorry I cannot help you out.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

14 March 1934

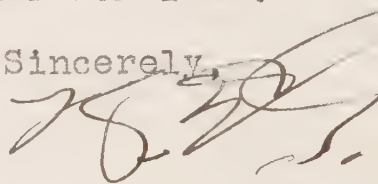
Dear Mr. Wood:-

A letter from Mr. W. D. O. Field, received today, says-

"Did I ever pay in the \$100. which I pledged, with others ? I am so vague about everything, or was, that I frankly do not know, and I do want to keep my credit good".

So- if he did not send contribution to that coin fund, drop him a reminder- or I will- and you may be able to get another box-load.

Sincerely,



March 17, 1934.

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
432 West Price St.  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Field had not come across and I had not written him because I did not want to bother him while he was in the hospital. I, however, will drop him a line. Many thanks for calling my attention to this matter.

Mr. Noe has asked me to enclose the notice about the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Very truly yours,

WM:JG

Curator



April 4, 1934.

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.  
132 West Union Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have read through with much interest your Indian Silver Ornaments. Although I have seen these off and on and especially the crosses I have never paid much attention to them. In the Locker sale there were several large silver coins bought by Victor Moran of Montreal. He has I think made some sort of study of these. Have you been able to do anything more with the new Washington medal with the eagle on it. I am anxious to learn anyway of its final resting place.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 21, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

A package has just come here about the size of a pasteboard box that would hold a suit of clothes from Col. Hamilton of Santa Barbara, California, with the notation in one corner "Attention, Mr. Gillingham". Do you know anything about this as I do not. I have not opened it as yet.

Very truly yours,

WM:JG

Curator

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 135TH  
AND 136TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

22 May 1934

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I know nothing at all of any box to come from Col. Hamilton, of Santa Barbara, California. In fact I do not recall every having heard of the gentleman. Therefore I authorize you to open the package and see what he is sending.

I am sending herewith one of the new Lafayette Medals. Mr. Noe tells me you do not have one. I am glad to be the "presenter" of it to the Society.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*  
Harrold E. Gillingham.

May 20, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I opened up the package from Col. Hamilton and it contained a fine series of Chinese decorations of the Striped Tiger, including the second class with sash and breast star, third, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes, which he is giving to the Society. Why he put your name on I do not know as I have been corresponding with him off and on for the past few years. I will acknowledge the receipt of these to Col. Hamilton.

The new Lafayette medal came to hand and this is the first one we have received. Many thanks to the "presenter".

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

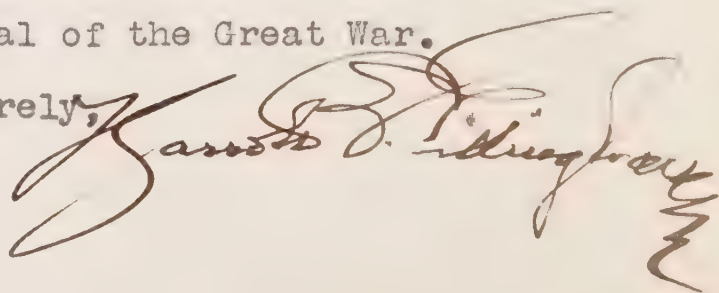
30 June 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Replying to yours of the 29th. I am under the impression that the Medaille de la Grande Guerre was allowed to be worn by such foreign troops as were with the French sections. In other words, if a regiment of Americans was consolidated with a Brigade of French, then those troops would be allowed to wear the medal. But if not, and were merely in the same offensive, under their own officers, they who were so independent, could not have it. (At least that is my understanding. And I know of no ruling on the subject.)

My daughter did work directly under the French, for the French, for a portion of the time she was there. Hence her right to the ribbon. She was in a hospital at Arc en Barrois for a while, and worked for the tubercular patients in the hospital near the Gare de Nord, raising over \$14,000. for this particular tubercular work. It was for this that she was given the medaille de reconnaissance. And I suppose allowed to wear the medal of the Great War.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with long, sweeping strokes.

July 5, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

We have lately had several inquiries about a Verdun medal. From what I can gather I should judge that the City of Verdun may have given these to some of our soldiers. The one I am familiar with was sold in various shops in Paris during or following the war and many soldiers wore them thinking they were the proper thing. Also someone was trying to tell me that there was a similar medal that could be worn issued by the City of Chateau de Thierry. Do you know anything at all about the status of these medals? I received your letter the other day concerning the French commemorative medal. Many thanks for this.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

7 July 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

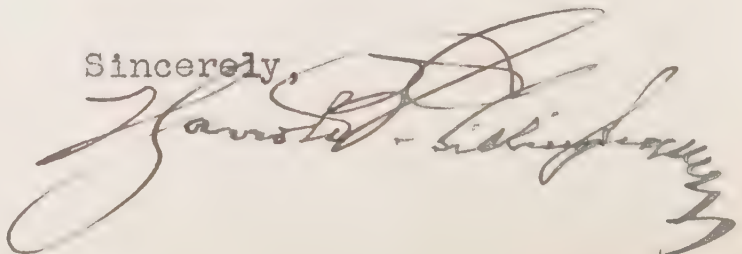
I never heard the "Verdun Medals" were Officially awarded by the City of Verdon. They came in small boxes with a printed label telling of the defence of the city, and I always understood they were simply "souvenir" medals, which could be purchased by any one so desiring.

Nor have I ever had occasion to see or hear about a medal for Chateau Thierry; but should have thought the same of it. Is there no one in Paris (since Salles death) that you could write to for this information? What about the Marquise de Farremont? He should be able to find out. And dear knows, he asked enough questions here, that he should reciprocate.

Hope the Williamson School medal arrived. If it did, and you acknowledged it to Mr. Coyle, do not bother answering to me. I'll hear of it through him, as I see him three or four times each week.

Are you surviving this hot spell? There is, I believe, only one hotter place than Philadelphia, and I have never been there, and hope after death I shall be spared a visit.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly in the first and last letters of the first and last names.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

8 July 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I know that Congress authorized a medal to Captain Jesse Duncan Elliott, of the "Niagara" for his work in Perry's victory of Lake Erie. But did you ever hear of a medal given to Elliott by Pennsylvania ?

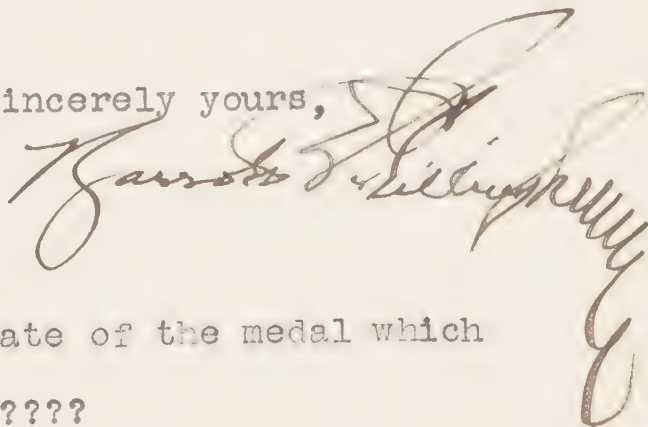
I've just read in Scharf & Westcott's "History of Philadelphia" (Vol.I p.597-8 ) that in August 1918-

"the gold medal voted by the Pennsylvania Legislature to Capt. Jesse Duncan Elliott for his gallant services in Perry's victory on Lake Erie in September, 1813, was presented to him in Philadelphia.".

I do not find this listed among the medals made at the U.S. Mint, and which could be bought there. Did you ever hear of it ? And if the Society have a specimen, will you make me an impression and forward at your convenience.

If you know nothing of it, I will write to Major Hume, who- I believe- is working up an account of the Medals of 1812.

Sincerely yours,



It might have been a duplicate of the medal which Pennsylvania gave to Perry ????

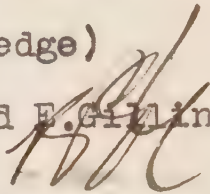


Medal authorized 1934 for graduates of  
the WILLIAMSON FREE SCHOOL FOR MECHANICAL  
TRADES. near Media, Pennsylvania.

Gift of Robert M. Coyle, 423 Walnut street  
Philadelphia. (Please acknowledge)

June 30, 1934

(Harrold E. Gillingham.



July 11th, 1934

Mr. Robert M. Coyle  
423 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The other day we received through Mr. Gillingham  
the Williamson Free School medal which he stated was  
a gift from you.

In behalf of the Society, I wish to thank you for  
remembering us. We are extremely glad to have it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/B

July 11th, 1934

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have looked through our collection and several Sale Catalogues and cannot find any mention of a medal given to Elliott by the State of Pennsylvania. I know that sometimes these State medals are extremely rare and sometimes unchronicled. We recently got hold of a large gold medal given by the State of New York to Colonel Bliss, Chief Aid to General Jackson. Outside of the State records, I can find no mention of it. Beside the one given to Bliss, the second was supposed to have been deposited in the Archives at Albany and the third in the library at West Point. As regards the Albany one, if it was in existence at the time, it was destroyed in the fire. They have no record of it; and at West Point they know nothing about the medal.

As for the Verdun medal, I will see what I can find out in France.

The Williamson School medal came to hand, and I am acknowledging the receipt of it to Mr. Coyle.

Very truly,

HE/VEB

Curator

432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

12 July 1934

Dear Mr. Wood:-

*Elliott*

Regarding the Jesse Duncan Medal, given by Pennsylvania in 1819, I have searched through the entire month of August 1819 and into September, of "Poulson's American Advertiser," and find no mention of such bestowal. But, at that period, there was little local news in our daily papers. I shall hunt through some others at the first opportunity, and see what comes forth. One would think that such an event would have been mentioned in the newspapers.

I find in Westcott's "History of Philadelphia", Vol. 4. Events in 1819, this entry.

" In August, the gold medal voted by the Legislature to Captain Jesse Duncan Elliott, for his gallant services in Perry's victory on Lake Erie in September 1813, was presented to him in Philadelphia."

I now believe the Legislature awarded Elliott a gold medal- same model as they gave Perry-, as it is hardly likely they would have had two different medals made. And you of course know of the medal Pennsylvania gave to Perry.

Incidentally, there is a small booklet on the Life of Elliott, and therein, it shows there was quite a controversy as to whether he or Perry was the real victor on lake Erie. I looked through this, but it made no mention of his having received a medal.

I've found an advertisement for the Manly Washington medal, issued in 1790. Am having it photostated, and will send you a copy when I get it.

Kindly remember me to Miss Earle, - or I should now say- Mrs. Baker. Am glad you can have her fill in while Miss Grimes is away. She was always so efficient.

Sincerely,

*James O. Ellinghaus*



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

18 July 1934

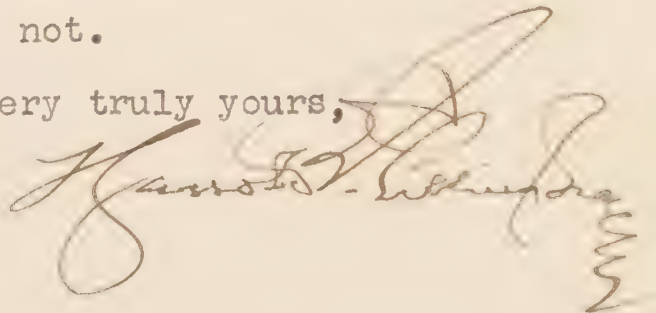
Dear Mr. Wood:-

Have you in the Society's collection a "Manly Medal" of George Washington ? I, so, is it white metal, bronze or silver ? And Does yours have the artist's name- Brooks on the arm, and the name of Manly on the reverse ? I understand some did not have these on.

Will you send me a paper impression of it, please.

Enclosed is the advertisement for the sale of this medal in 1790, which I told you I had found. At least a photostat thereof, which you may keep for the Society's files. Is this news to you ? I was thinking of sending it to Duffield, for the Numismatist. But if generally known, will not.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "H". To the right of the signature, there is a vertical line of small, repeating marks, possibly a stamp or a series of initials.

July 20th, 1934

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Replying to your letter of July 18th, we have several of the Manly Medals of Washington - one in the white metal and two or three in yellow bronze, but no silver ones. These have ~~MARKS~~ on the truncation of the arm. We also have a copper one with ~~SM~~. The inscription on the obverse is slightly different but the head is the same. Apparently it was made a short time after the Manly Medals. All of them appear to have been cast and then struck. They are numbers 61 and 62 in Baker's Medallion Portraits of Washington.

I am enclosing a rubbing of one. The relief of Washington's head does not show up well on the rubbing.

In page 40 of Baker's book, he speaks in detail of the advertisement that appeared in the newspaper of February 22, 1790, so that this advertisement is known, but possibly few people of today know of it and I think that it would be decidedly a matter of interest to publish it. Why not send it to Duffield and ask him if he thinks it worth while to reproduce your photostat?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/B  
Enc.

24 July 1934

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th.  
~~about~~ the Manly medal. I have sent a  
photostat copy to Duffiend, thinking it  
might interest some newer numismatists.

Sincerely,

Harrold E. Gillingham.





THIS SIDE OF FLAP IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood,  
The American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th. Street  
NEW YORK CITY



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

26 August 1934

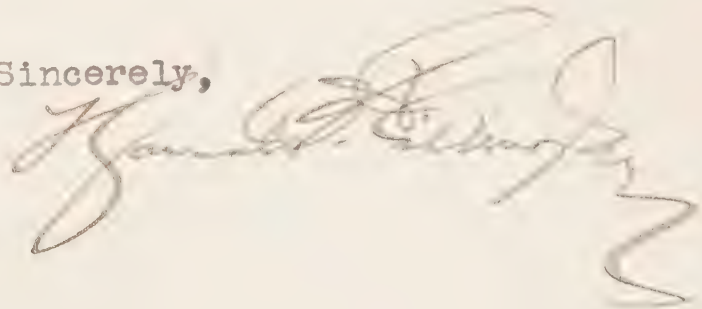
Dear Mr. Wood:-

Through the French Ambassador, many persons who took part in the June ceremonies commemorating the death of Lafayette have been given a bronze medal for their activities in the various functions held throughout the country. The medal is copied from one designed by Gatteaux in 1830, and is rather an attractive production.

I thought perhaps you might write to the French Embassy at Washington for a specimen of the medal for your cabinets. I would send the Society the one presented to me, but think it a souvenir of the event which is well worth preserving for the grandchildren.

Hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation and that all the family have been well, including  
yourself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

August 29, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and I have written the French ambassador for a medal. I am still on my vacation but get in about once a week. We have had a slightly distracted summer as we have had to go to Boston a couple of times. I expect to be back in harness after the ninth of September.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

September 5, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The George II half crown stamped "Lima" is perfectly all right. In 1745 and 1746 gold and silver coins bore the word "Lima" under the bust and were from the bullion taken by Admiral Anson from the Spanish during his cruise in South America. A similar thing happened during the reign of Ann - gold and silver bore the word "Lima" and was dated 1702 indicating that the bullion for these was taken from Spanish galleons at Vigo Bay. There have been a number of instances where English gold or silver came from the East India Company, Africa, India etc.

A patacon was a coin struck in the low countries, chiefly at Brabant and was equal to 50 stuivers.

The medal dated 1730 I cannot find. It is not mentioned in Medallie Illustrations that virtually describes every medal relating to England up to the time of George III.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
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7 September 1934

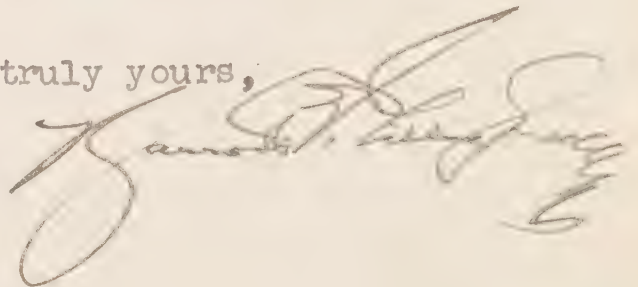
Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th. about the "Lima" coins of England, and for the other information. That medal seemed unusual to me and it may have been incorrectly described on the list of 1771.

I hope to be able to get you a photostat of the list in this collection. I'm thinking of sending it to Duffield for the Numismatist, as it is rather interesting to know of a collection at that time and to have been so carefully described. Du Simitiere, the artist evidently was an early Philadelphia numismatist. Just at present I'm trying to ascertain if the collection is in existence in some descendant of the Logan family.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th. street  
New York City.





HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Germantown,  
3 October 1834

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society  
New York.

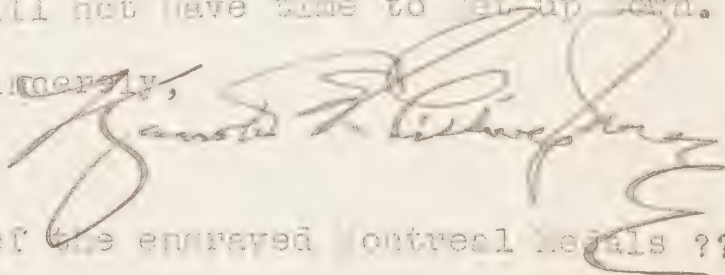
Dear Mr. Wood:-

Regarding the Montreal Indian medal, of which I wrote some weeks ago. At Mr. Noe's suggestion I sent a letter to L.A. Renaud of Montreal to know if he had ever heard of one of these medals engraved TANK ALKEL MOHIGRAMS (which is the way DuSimitiere listed it on his record of medals in 1771). Renaud did not know of it, but has sent me a list of all the Montreal medals he has been able to locate, giving the inscriptions and locations.

As I have no use for this, I am sending it to you, thinking it might be of some value in the future. So keep it. Notice he gives one marked TANTALKEL, which might have been for the same Indian. But, if MOHIGRAMS was not on the medal in 1771, why should Du Simitiere have so listed it?

Tell Mr. Noe I expect to come over to the Council meeting on Friday, but will not have time to set up town.

Sincerely,



Isn't the A.N.S. one of the engraved Montreal medals ??

October 15, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The enclosed letter and my reply concerns checks made out to cash. We have been in the habit of doing this for years. Without looking up the date I am inclined to think it has been done ever since I have been here. It only happens in the case of Mr. McKeever and possibly once or twice a year when the person to whom the check is made out is not going to be in on a Friday. Excepting Mr. Noe's and my checks virtually all of the checks are taken up by Mr. Robertson to the Coin Exchange Bank and cashed. This is done every Friday morning. We do it because most of our employees have no easy means of getting their checks cashed. Please give me a ruling on the subject so I can write Mr. Kepf. They apparently are willing if we assume the responsibility. In the case of William, he would not get a check cashed until the following week if it was made out in his name unless he could make some arrangements to get it cashed.

Sorry not to have seen you at the time of the last Council meeting.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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432 West Price street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

16 October 1934

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have yours of the 15th. with enclosures, regarding the checks to "Cash" for William, the night watchman, and do not wish to take action thereon personally. I would rather leave it up to Council to decide. I can see the position of the Bank, and quite understand it. But even if the Society does take the chance of a lost check, or William claim he never received his wages for a certain week, the Society would be out of pocket, and surely there must be some other way to get a round the situation.

That's for you at the Museum to work out.

Sincerely yours,



October 17, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and I am sorry that you have passed the buck to me again. If you are up here before the next Council meeting we can talk it over. I do not know why the bank brought it up after the thing has been going on for, as far as I know, possibly twenty years. I rather think I did not acknowledge your letter of October 3rd enclosing the list of Montreal medals. We have not one of these medals, though it has been our fond hope to get one sometime.

I think there is no doubt that du Simitiere's medal of Tank Alkel is the same one that is now in the Parliament Library at Ottawa. The one Baldwin had in 1931 of Arantes, Garvin bought and presented to the Yale collection of old American silver. I am very glad to have this list and hope some day to get one of these.

Did you ever get any more information about that unique Indian medal you sent me photographs of sometime ago.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



October 24, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

According to our conversation the other day when you were up here, I am submitting a draft for a release to be signed by all our employees concerning the cashing of checks. Please give this the once-over and make any changes or corrections or indeed, if you think best, make out a new form. If this meets with your approval I will put in into effect at once.

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator

EDWARD T. NEWELL  
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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
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NEW YORK

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

25th. October 1934

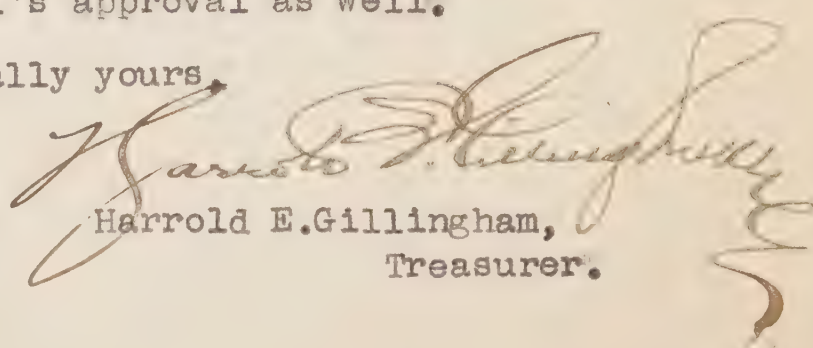
Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Answering your letter of the 24th. regarding the form of release from employees, absolving the Society from any liability for our other employees cashing their salary checks, I have made two corrections (or additions) thereto.

Insert the words " an employee of The " on the seventh line, as noted, and the words " to me " at the end. Then have the release dated, and file them for the future. I think your form- with this addition- quite sufficient, but would suggest that you also get President Newell's approval as well.

Cordially yours,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham,  
Treasurer.

I herewith absolve the American Numismatic  
Society and its messenger of any responsibility in  
case of loss in the carrying and cashing of my checks,  
payroll or otherwise. I assume all responsibility in  
case of loss of either salary check or money therefrom  
after the check has been given to me. I treat the  
cashing of these checks by <sup>an employee of the</sup> ~~the~~ American Numismatic  
Society simply as an accomodation. <sup>to me.</sup>

October - 1934.

*Handwritten signature and date: 10/12/34*

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

25  
1734

Dear Mr Wood;

Good work, glad he  
was caught!

Kindly send me any data  
you may have for my report  
of Medals & Decorations  
Committee. I know  
absolutely nothing on the  
Subject.

Very truly  
Harrold E. Gillingham



December 30, 1934.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

If you can read by writing  
as well as Mosser's you have all of the dope that  
we can give you for the Hotel Danettes.

One of our dealers, Louis  
Werner, brought up several of those commemorative  
coins that he suspected. With the aid of a glass  
I saw at once they were counterfeits and notified  
the Secret Service. Through Werner's, Joe Barnett's  
help and myself, the Secret Service landed the  
fellow within a week.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

14 January 1935

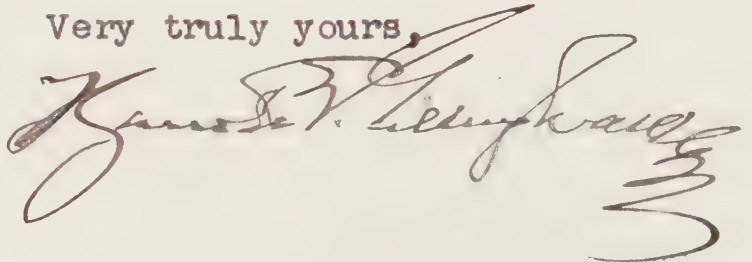
Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am today ordering from A.H. Baldwin & Sons, London, 14 pieces- London Livery Company badges- and asked them to send direct to the society, with bill inside to be marked "Ordered by Harrold E. Gillingham". When these arrive please advise me and I will be able to make a trade with the society of my "Chimeric" pieces, most of which you do not have. You know I generally give the society such, after my monograph is printed.

Tell Mr. Noe I am sending him some more of the Daguin Manuscript. I thought I had sent the society all I had, but just located these packages. They will be a beginning of "gifts" for 1935. May all the members send more valuable ones.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Harrold E. Gillingham', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

14 January 1935

Messrs. A. H. Baldwin & Sons, Ltd.  
3, Robert Street, Adelphi.  
London, W.C.2

Gentlemen:-

I have your favour of 28th. December last,  
with list of your stock of Badges of the London Livery  
Companies, and would like to have you send me the  
following items therefrom:-

Gardeners. Silver gilt medal, W.T. Crosweller, Master, 1906-7	£ 0.15.0	
Glass Sellers. Silver gilt. Obv. Arms etc. C. Maynard Owen, Master 1909-10	17.0	
Carpenters & Joiners. Silver, to M. King, 1826.	1.15.0	— 100 for all
Joiners. Silver, W.T. Bedford, 1850	15.0	
Poulters. Silver, won by Lady Rothschild...	15.0	
Haberdashers. Bronze, to Prince Arthur 1873	10.0	
Clothworkers. Silver, to Thomas Leachman 1845	1.10.0	
Weavers. Oval silver to Philip Godin	1.0.0	
Turners. Silver gilt, to W.J.R. Cotton, 1874	1.15.0	
Bakers. Oval silver, to Paul Aspinwall 1873	1.1.0	
Sunholders. Silver, to T.A. Woodbridge, 1883 &c.	1.0.0	
Tallow Chandlers. Silver gilt. Wm. Wright 1873	17.0	— 100 for all
Pattermakers. Silver John Gorham 1743	2.0.0	
Coachmakers. Bronze, proof.	10.0	
	£ 15.0.0	

Kindly send these by Parcels post, and send  
me notice by separate letter when mailed.

Please remember me to Mr. A. H. Baldwin, and thank  
Fred for his card of greetings for the holidays.

My kindest remembrances to you all.

Sincerely,

over 100 for all  
1.15.0  
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Send the above to The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 155th Street, New York.  
Do not put my name on outside, but on invoice inside,  
say "Ordered by Harrold E. Gillingham", and write me  
when shipped.

January 17, 1938.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I will be on the lookout for the London Livery Company badges that you are having sent to our Society. We have lately been having trouble with medals coming through the Customs. They hold us up and after signing about twenty papers put them on our bond book so they will be entered in bond. If they are valued at over \$100.00 they insist that a Consular Invoice go with the shipment.

I will tell Noe the Daguin manuscript is coming to him.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

18 January 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

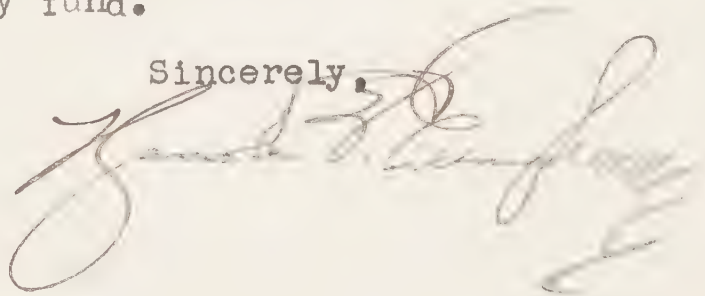
I hope you have no trouble with the Customs on the shipment from Baldwin. I thought every thing came in free to the Society and without their even opening packages.

The entire shipment amounts to but £15. and £ 3.10.0 of that sum represents two pieces over 100 years old.

The things will not arrive for nearly a month. I ordered them the day I wrote you and asked Baldwin to send the bill to me but the goods to the Society, and they are not overly hasty in that office.

I mailed the Daguin Mss. the day I wrote you, and later sent three monographs I thought Noe would like to have back, for his Library fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Harrold E. Gillingham", written in dark ink.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

16 February 1935

Mr. Ho<sub>w</sub>land Wood,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

If those medals from Baldwin- of the  
Livery Companies of London,- have arrived, will you  
kindly send them on to me, to save a trip to New York.

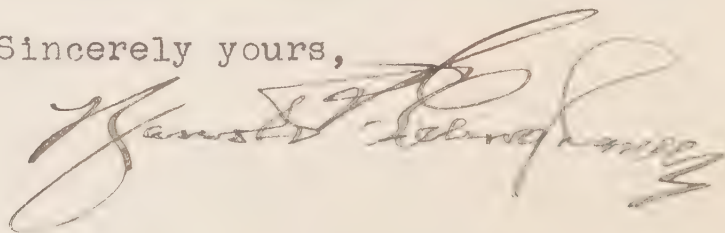
I have their bill and want to pay it if the pieces  
are all right.

Incidentally I have several pieces of  
"Ephemeral Decorations" described in monograph 66  
which I intend to give to your cabinets, if they do  
not duplicate those you already have, such as:-

Sedang star  
Araucania badge  
do medal  
Chancellerie de l'Obole  
Lusignan, St. Catharine's cross  
do Melusine,  
Order of Sahara (?) illustration omitted.  
Counani. three variants.

I suppose you would not object to having them !!!

Sincerely yours,



February 20, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am enclosing herewith a notice from the Customs House that a package is held there in the Entry Division, and as its value is over \$100.00 we will have a lot of red tape in clearing it. The only way we can clear it now is to make out sworn statements it belongs to the Society and is for exhibition purposes and then it will go on our bond book, and we probably will have to give a \$5.00 fine if there is no consular invoice with it, as presumably there is not. In order to clear it we have to produce a bill or an invoice and if you have this send it on. I think the cheapest way of clearing will be to give it to a Custom House broker to clear. The last things I cleared I used up about three days in time.

The decorations we have here may or may not be different from yours. We do have an Araucania badge and one or two St. Catharine's crosses and one of Melusine.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
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NEW YORK

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator.  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th Street.  
New York City.

21 February 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Re- Shipment of Badges from London.

I have yours of the 20th. and note some stupidity on the part of somebody- either Baldwin or the N.Y. Customs authority- in valuing this shipment of London Companies Badges at \$100. The invoice is only £ 15.4.0 and if the Sterling exchange was at \$5.00 it would make it only about \$75.00 value, including the Postage.

However, you have to clear the shipment through the Customs and it would be better to employ a Broker for that purpose. I send herewith my original letter ordering the badges, also the Invoice which shows the value as £15.4.0 . I also return the notice you received from the Customs House.

Regretting that you have had trouble over the matter I am,

Very truly yours,

Be sure and return Baldwin's bill to me that I may pay it when goods are received.

£ 3.15.0 of these are over 100 years old anyway.



February 26, 1935.

U. S. Customs  
Morgan Building  
29th St. & 9th Avenue  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The badges contained in the shipment from England on the Georgic under No. 133137 do not amount to \$100.00, as shown in the enclosed bill and should therefore not go through the form of entry necessary for goods valued over \$100.00. Also two of the badges are over 100 years old, No. 3 and 13. These two amount to 13-15-0. If further information is desired please let us know. We would much like this original bill back.

Very truly yours,

HR:JG

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Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:JG



# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR

DISTRICT No. 10

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE  
TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
**U. S. CUSTOMS**  
**MORGAN BUILDING**  
**29th ST. & 9th AVE.**  
**NEW YORK CITY**

February 27th, 1935.

American Numismatic Society,  
155th Street & Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Att: Mr. H. Wood

Returning herewith Notification #136137  
with invoice attached.

Value had originally been noted and papers  
issued for possible entry under Permanent Exhibition  
Bond.

If such is not desired parcel will be assessed  
for duty on mail entry and forwarded for delivery  
upon further request by you.

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

February 28, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I wrote the Customs people and have got their answer back. They have scratched out "Over \$100.00" so that regular invoice now is not necessary. We cannot enter these in bond as we have got to swear that they are for permanent exhibition and belong to the Society. As Mr. Newell is responsible for the bond he does not feel he can sign the papers. The only other way is to pay the duties. Let me know if we should do this and we can pay the duties and clear the package, and I will do my best to get the value assessed on £11 rather than £15. I do not know the duty they would charge as I do not know whether they have enamel on them or whether they are gilded etc.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

1 March 1935

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

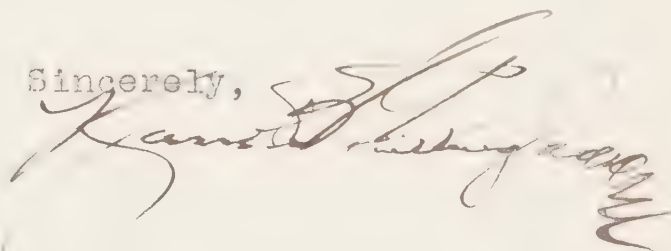
I am awfully sorry the shipment from Baldwin has given you so much trouble. Probably the easiest way out of the matter is to pay what duty ~~as~~ assessed and clear the pieces, then it will not embarrass Mr. Newell's Bond in any way.

Remember that two of the pieces are-as stated thereon- over a hundred years old and should not be dutiable. But do not go down town for it if you can clear it through telephone or Customs house direct.

As they are made to be "worn on the person" I suppose the duty will be as jewelry, or 60% or 80%, I forget which.

Sorry indeed that you've had so much trouble on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", written in a cursive style.

March 2, 1935.

U. S. Customs  
Morgan Building  
29th St. & 9th Avenue  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In re shipment 133137, badges shipped by A. H. Baldwin and Sons, England, on the Georgic arriving February 4, 1935, we have decided to pay duty on these. The total invoice amounts to £15.4.0, a copy of the invoice being enclosed. Of these, however, two items, No. 3 and No. 13 amounting to £3.15.0 are over 100 years old, leaving the dutiable items £11.9.0.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 2, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Your letter just at hand and I have written the Post Office Department to enter these subject to duty. I have called their attention to two items over 100 years old and have sent a typewritten copy of the invoice. The original I am holding here so as to put with the badges when they come. Don't worry about it being any bother - it is easy enough to get these in if one pays duty. The only thing is it makes it rather expensive for you, but I do not see how it can be helped. I will let you know as soon as the goods have been delivered.

Very truly yours,

HT:JG

Curator

March 5, 1935.

Mr. Harold E. Gillingham  
414 West 112nd Street  
Crownpoint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The package from Baldwin is up at Station M and I will get it for you when you return the declaration which you have got to sign. The things come to New York on the Georgic, the date I do not know, so you can leave that. This you will have to sign before a notary and applies to the two medals over one hundred years old. You also might sign the card and write a letter to please deliver package on payment of duty to the American Numismatic Society. I will try to have the package here in case you come up Friday for the Council meeting. I am herewith returning the original bill as you requested.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

6 March 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

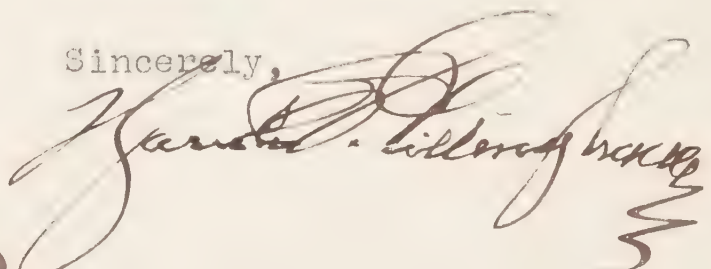
Enclosed is the Declaration as to the age of two of the pieces from Baldwin, together with the card signed, and a letter to deliver the pieces to Bearer, Will you pay the Duty- as I do not know the amount, and I will reimburse you when I come up, which will be either Friday or Saturday.

I am leaving in the morning for New York as I have an engagement tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, and will stay over night. But just when I get to the Society is uncertain. I shall try for Friday A.M. or Saturday A.M. I may telephone beforehand.

I'm awfully sorry you have had so much trouble with this affair. I'll explain why I sent it <sup>this way</sup> when I see you.

Sincerely,

Check for  
\$36.46 enclosed



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

30 March 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

A letter received from the Marquis de Chambr-  
vans de Foremont, asks me to send him a photograph of  
the Tonga Star, mentioned in the "Proceedings" of 1934,  
page 22, line 15. I remember this is a very "lumpy"  
piece, and wondered if it would photograph well. If so,  
would you be good enough to have it done and send him  
a glossy print, and in any charge, send me a memo of the  
cost.

Very truly yours,

*Harrold E. Gillingham*

April 2, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 West Price Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The next time we  
photograph I will include the Tonga  
Cross.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

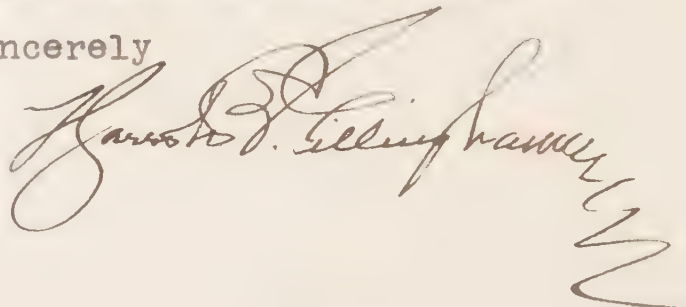
28 October 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

My daughter sent me the enclosed about SARAWAK, and I do not know from where she got it. Seeing there were some coins mentioned, I thought you might be interested in reading of the three generations of English Rajahs.

Hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harrold E. Gillingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".



October 30, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I was glad to hear from you and read the account of Sarawak with interest. I have always had a leaning to the Rajahs of Sarawak and have followed their history pretty closely.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

14 November 1935

Dear Mr. Wood:-

WASHINGTON PEACE MEDALS.

I know you like to follow the Washington Peace Medals. In my "INDIAN SILVER ORNAMENTS" frontispiece, the second model of the 1789 medal is shown. I believe this was owned by Waite Raymond, or else he was trying to sell it for some one.

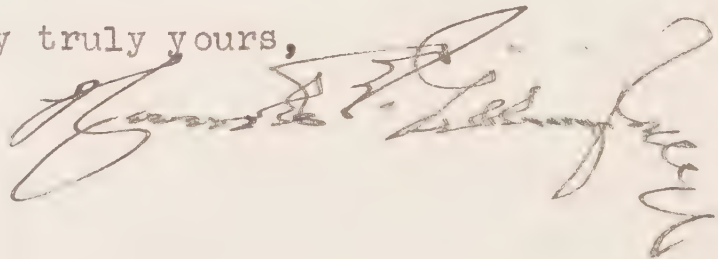
However, I sent a copy of that pamphlet to Henry F. DuPont at Wilmington, and today am in receipt of a letter from him, wherein he says:-

"I was particularly interested in your reference to the second model of the 1789 Washington medal shown in the frontispiece, inasmuch as I am the owner of this medal "

I think this medal was at one time in the hands of a Philadelphia dealer, named Camp. But whether he sold it to duPont or returned it to Raymond, I cannot say.

You might ask Raymond some time if he did sell it eventually.

Very truly yours,



November 15, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price St.  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have made a note in your Indian Silver Ornaments and in our copies of Belden's Indian Peace Medals that the other 1789 medal is now owned by Henry F. DuPont. As I understood from Raymond at the time, he sold that medal outright. However, the next time I see Raymond I will ask him. Many thanks for calling my attention to the ownership of this medal.

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

16 November 1935

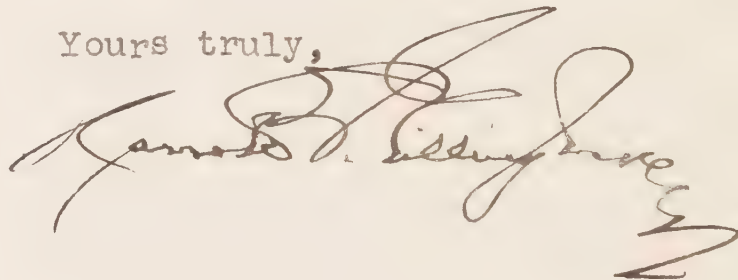
Dear Mr. Wood:-

If my memory serves me right the Museum is supposed to own the only silver medal given by The Friendly Association for Preserving Peace with the Indians etc. The one with "Let us look to the most high etc." on reverse.

Well, I have just had advised that the Indiana Historical Society at Indianapolis, Indiana, have one which was found recently on the site of an Indian village near Bluffton, Welle's County, Indiana. It is of silver also, and holed at the top-as I believe yours is- and pretty well worn.

They sent me a photograph if it.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harrold E. Gillingham", written in dark ink.

Buth 401



November 18, 1935.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

What you write about the Friendly Association for Preserving Peace with the Indians medal in silver surprises me as I never thought this was very rare. We have two originals in silver and I have turned down several others during the course of years. The piece you refer to I suppose is Betts 401 showing the head of George II on the other side and of which restrikes have been made. Could you possibly own a companion piece commemorating Kittaning Destroyed. Originals of these are really rare.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Dear Mr. Wood:-

YES, I DID mean the Friendly Association medal, Betts 401. I always thought they were very rare. I had only a restrike in my collection when sold. If you have another one offered you, which is reasonable in price, I would like to have a chance to buy it. I mean an old SILVER one.

Sincerely

January 30, 1936.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
452 W. Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:

The inscription on the  
Order of the North Star is in Latin - not  
Swedish, and the translation can be either of  
the two forms written here:

HE, OR IT, DOES NOT KNOW DEFEAT      and

HE, OR IT, DOES NOT DESIGNED.

Very truly yours,

HR:JG

Assistant Curator

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

22nd July 1930

Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

In a recent catalogue of Decorations, sent out by A.H. Baldwin & Sons, of London, they included (no. 10201) ORDER OF PETER THE GREAT, a diamond studded badge, priced at £95. and stating only one other known. Never having heard of such an order, I wrote for their authority and referred them to Hazletine's book and other authorities. Baldwin said they were told its name by a "Russian Officer of high rank who specializes in such items" (although he did not buy it)

Today they send me the enclosed photograph of it, and my personal opinion is that has been a specially made piece- probably during Peter's time- for some special presentation. What is your opinion? I do not think it is what we term an Official Governmental Decoration.

Be good enough to return the photographs with your comments, that I may write Baldwin. And I want to quote you, if you do not mind.

Sincerely,





July 24, 1936

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I think like you do that the badge of Peter the Great is a special presentation piece. He may have had one or a half dozen made but I do not think it would fall under the head of a regular authorized Order.

Such things as this have happened before. I know several of the German princes have gotten out such things which they have bestowed on court favorites or people that they wanted to recognize especially.

I am herewith returning the photograph.

Sincerely,

Carstor

HW ks  
ENCL.

25 July 1936

Dear Mr.Wood:-

Many thanks for your criticism of the photograph of the "Order of Peter the Great" and that you agree with my view. I have written Baldwin what you and I think. But the piece certainly is unique. Wish I had the £95. to get it for your cabinet. Sincerely

Harrold E. Gillingham





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th Street  
NEW YORK CITY.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

26th July 1936

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

If you have any gold coins of Napoleon coined in Egypt about 1798-1800, here is a bit of information thereon. Taken from Rev. W. K. R. Bedford's "Malta and the Knights Hospitallers", London 1894, p. 37 speaking of "the spoil of the rapacious French in 1798" when they occupied Malta:-

"the historian of the Expedition Francaise en Egypte states that the sanctuary lamp and chain taken from the chapel of Notre Dame de Philermos [in St. John's Church, Malta], of solid gold weighing 1,840 ounces, were first converted into ingots at the camp, and afterwards coined into zecchins at Cairo."

I hope you have specimens of such coins made by the French when in Egypt, and that this bit of history may be of interest.

Sincerely





July 17, 1906

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
402 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am familiar with the coins Napoleon struck in Egypt and have been on the look-out for many years for these. They are extremely hard to distinguish from the regular Egyptian coins. I have a specimen of the silver issue but none of the gold issue.

The information you gave me about the stripping of the lamp and chain from the Church in Malta is new and I am glad to get this information.

Sincerely,

Curator

HW ks

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

26th September 1936

Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

WASHINGTON PEACE MEDALS.

I have just had a letter from a lady-Mrs. Jesse Holloway Lide, 1217 Filmore Street, Corinth, Mississippi, (who by the way is not a collector of and knows nothing of Indian ornaments) that a few months ago a silver Washington Peace Medal-dated 1793-measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches, had been found in the vicinity of Tupelo, Mississippi while some roadwork was going on.

Mehl offered a man \$50.00 for it (Foxy jew!!!) but recently he had an offer of \$500. "from Harvard University" as she states in her letter.

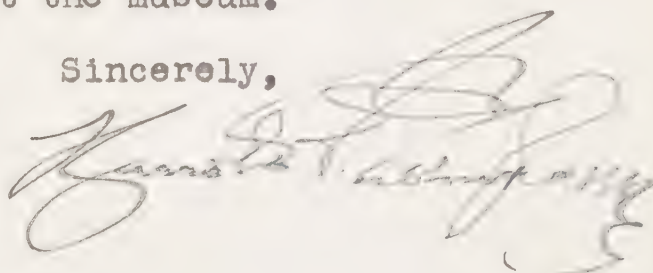
She does not say who owns it, but mentions a reporter of a local paper who wrote an article about it having a photograph of it, and she will get me a print if I want it. I am writing her to send me two prints of each side of the medal, and shall send you one when I get them.

From the measurements given, this differs from those shown by Belden. And by-the-way, it has the maker's mark on it J.L. (attributed to Joseph Lowndes of Philadelphia and perhaps they acquired this information from you or the Indian Museum.

I thought if you had not heard, you would like a record of the piece.

Best remembrances to all at the museum.

Sincerely,




Dear Mr. Wood:-

If you can throw any light  
on the "dog dollar" will you be good  
enough to advise me and return this chap's  
letter to

Yours truly

10-2-1936

Harrold E. Gillingham



October 5, 1936

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith enclosing a rubbing of one of the so-called "Dog-Dollars." There are several notes about these in various accounts of Colonial days. Frey, in his Numismatic Dictionary, says as follows:

DOG DOLLARS. In an act of the Assembly of West Jersey, dated October 3-18, 1693, it is stated that "Dog Dollars not clipt," are worth six Shillings each, being of the same value as Mexican "pieces of eight" of twelve pennyweight.

The Assembly of the Province of Maryland in 1708 passed a law fixing the rates of exchange, and this act mentioned Dog Dollars as being the money which was most plentiful in the Province, and with which the inhabitants were best acquainted; upon them the value of four shillings and sixpence was placed. In the laws of Pennsylvania, these coins are frequently mentioned as the Lion or Dog Dollars, and are rated in 1723 at five Shillings.

but I really know no more than what he gives.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks  
ENCL.



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SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS:  
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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
TREASURER

HOWLAND WOOD  
CURATOR

TELEPHONE:  
AUDUBON 3-4141

432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia.

11th December 1936

Dear Mr. Wood:-

First, excuse my economy in using this sheet; but I hope you will not mind, and just see how your printer sometimes slips up. Or it may have been the "printer's devil" who did it.

BANNERETS OF QUEBEC.

When last at the society, I noticed the badge you have labelled as above, and not knowing where I could ascertain when it was inaugurated, wrote to the "Literary and Historical Society of Quebec" asking what they could tell me of the badge and of the Bannerets. To-day I have a letter from W.M. Wood, "late Attaché aux Archives du P.Q." advising me as follows:-

" But there never were any Baronets or Bannerets of Quebec. ... Though the seigniorial system obtained in Canada, together with some of the old French military obligations attaching thereto; no order of Bannerets was ever established as such, either, like English Knighthoods, appertaining only to each individual for life, or hereditary, as Baronets still are."

So now !!! Where am I to hunt for verification of your badge, which I believe you told me Mr. Saltus gave you.

Sincerely,

Dec. 14, 1936

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 Price St. W.,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Several years ago some men were at our Museum going through our library to see if they could trace certain things concerning various decorations for Canada. They seemed, or claimed to be, the headquarters for the various orders of nobility, etc., there. I had them leave one of their letter heads for future reference and I am herewith enclosing it, which I wish you would return when you are through with it. You might write the College of Arms, Montreal which I think might be better than writing to the New York office which may not be there today.

I have forgotten the name of the man here in the New York office. Also, if I remember rightly, they did not question our banneret of Quebec badge.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks  
encl.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

16th December 1936

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Re-Bannerets of Quebec.

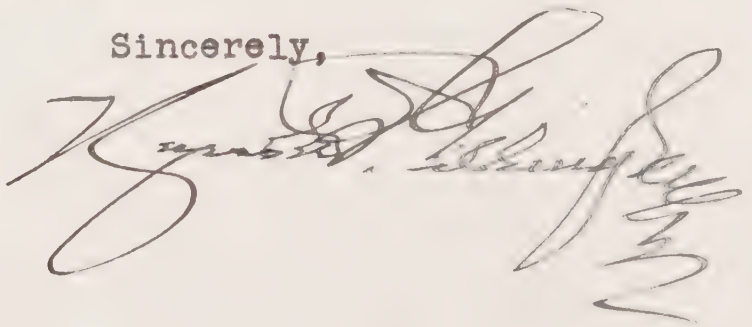
I thank you for your letter of the 16th with letter sheet of the College of Arms at Montreal, (which I am returning herewith) and I have written them in hopes they may throw some light on the organization of the badge, why it is awarded, and whether it is officially recognized by the Government.

ANNUAL REPORT.

I should make some report of the Committee on War Medals and Decorations, and will you be good enough to advise me what the society has received in that line during the past year, and who the donors were; that I may get up some report. I'm rather out of touch with such things myself nowadays, but as Chairman should report.

Tell Mr. Noe I shall make a report if there is enough material to report on.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Harrold E. Gillingham, is written over the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'H'.



HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

18th December 1936

Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

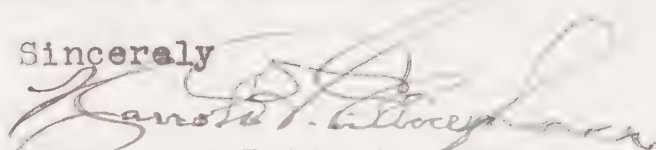
I send herewith twenty-seven (27) Medals  
Livery  
and membership Badges of the London Companies, as per  
list enclosed, which I take pleasure in giving to the  
Society as a Christmas Gift for 1936, and I hope you  
may find someplace in which to show them.

You have few if any of these in the society  
collection, I believe, and I know of but very few in this  
country.

I believe the correct name for these is  
"The Livery Companies of the City of London", and I have  
been informed that it is only the members of these  
several Companies who elect the Lord Mayor of London.  
Perhaps you have in your library W.C. Hazlitt's book on the  
the companies and their histories. Its fascinating reading  
ing, for most of them are quite ancient.

Hoping they reach you in time, and with  
the very best of good wishes to you all, I am,

Sincerely

  
Harrold E. Gillingham.



December 19, 1936

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith sending you a list of medals and decorations received during 1878. Outside of those given by General Falls there is really nothing to report.

The two Chinese pieces were the fairly ordinary kind with portraits of Generals that gave them out.

The U.S. two campaign badges that we purchased brings us as far as I know up to date with U.S. Medals.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks  
encl.

December 23, 1936

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The express package containing the City of London  
badges arrived night before last. I will put these out  
on exhibition shortly. We are very glad to get these and  
I have already taken some pleasure in looking them over.

I have entered ~~th4~~ amount of the gift on your card.

With the compliments of the season, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Jan. 4, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

Many thanks for the two sheets of Confederate States watermarked paper. This was next to the last thing I entered up for 1936. Our accessions for the year were considerably less than for the year before.

I trust I will see you at the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

19 January 1937

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Can you enlighten me sufficiently to answer Gifford's letter ? I do not have the piece, nor does his description recall anything to my memory as to ever having seen it.

Please return the letter with your comments.

Sincerely

Harrold W. Gillingham



January 23, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price St.  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I have been in communication with Gifford about the Beldir Medal but have been unable to give him any information. We have a small one here showing a turbaned head on one side and a palm tree on the other. I have given him a description of our piece. Therefore, your answer to him need only be just that you have not got one.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks  
encl.

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

25th January 1937


Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I found the enclosed box of old coins to-day, and did not know I had them. Such as they are I give to the Society; but fear it will take you longer to find needed specimens than they are worth.

Any duplicates which are worth selling you can do so, or sell them for the metal value. My first thought was to see if some cheap coin dealer would want them, but the A.N.S. is my first love, and I thought you might possibly find something worth while in the box.

Sincerely,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham.

January 29, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham;  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The box of coins came Thursday. I have glanced through them and without doubt there will be three or four that we have not got and probably a few more that might improve condition. Those we have got I can easily get rid of. Many thanks for considering the A.W.S. your first love.

I think Roe wrote you that Robertson dropped dead a week ago today. From now on I am going to be pretty well tied up or tied down as he has been doing so much of the routine work. The photographing end is what is now bothering me.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

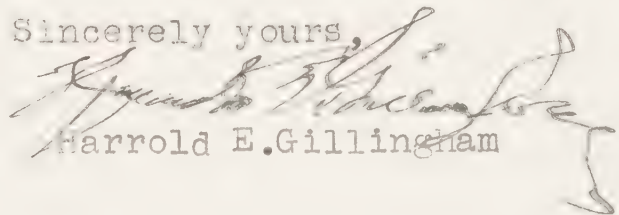
HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
432 WEST PRICE STREET  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

17th February 1937

Dear Mr. Wood:--

Am queried as to who designed the  
1798 Gold \$10.00 Eagle and where minted. If you  
can give this information without a great deal of  
research, will you kindly just add to the bottom of  
this letter and return. Among the questions  
asked is "Something more about it" "and so on",  
but that section of the collector's query I shall  
ignore. My "something more about it" is that  
I do not have any and seldom ever get them in change.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham



Feb. 19, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I do not think it is known which artist designed  
our early coins, possibly Robert Scot or John Reich.

All of these first coins were made at the Mint  
in Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

Curator

H. ks

February 27, 1937

Harrold E. Gillingham, Esq.,  
452 West Price Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The express package containing the very fine and  
interesting Police and Postal badges came to hand yesterday.  
I beg to thank you in behalf of the Society for the gift of  
these.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HT ks

May 8, 1937

Mr. H. E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

The 12 additional plaques of the French  
Postal Service, etc., came to hand yesterday and  
many thanks for these. I am putting a few of the  
more attractive on exhibition in the same case with  
those that you sent previously.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

May 17, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham  
432 W. Price Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear <sup>Mr.</sup>Mr. Gillingham:

In your last lot of French badges you stated that if any were duplicates you would like to have them back. I am hereby sending you back four pieces.

I was holding these here as I thought probably you would be up here for Council meeting. They are going to you by Parcel Post, insured.

Sorry not to have seen you the other day.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks



The French Plaques arrived (4 of them) and  
I thank you. Sorry I did not get to the  
museum last meeting, but was late getting to  
New York and had to return Saturday Morning  
before lunch. Sorry to have missed the  
presentation.

Sincerely

Harrold E. Gillingham

19th May 1937



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
Broadway & 155th Street  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

June 15, 1937

Mr. H. A. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price St.,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith sending you check for \$100. from the estate of Frank E. Andrews. I presume it goes into Permanent Funds for Investment but as Mr. Noe did not know the exact wording of the will, as to its uses, I thought you had better send it to the bank with your instructions.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks  
encl.



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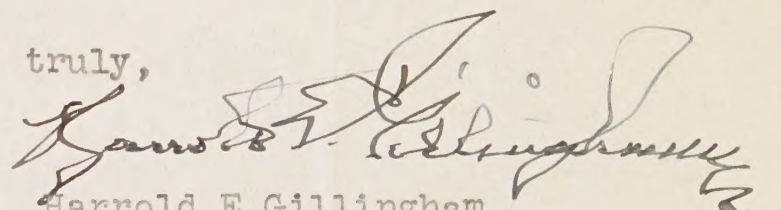
Mr. Howland Wood  
Curator,  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of the  
15th inst. enclosing check for \$100. Legacy from the Estate  
of Frank E. Andrews, which I have forwarded to the Central Hanover  
B. & T. Co. with instructions as to crediting it properly.

In the absence of information as to the form of  
this legacy, I am having it credited to Principal account of  
the Permanent Fund. I presume its receipt has been properly  
acknowledged.

Very truly,

  
Harrold E. Gillingham,  
Treasurer.

Tell your stenographer that as my name appears on the letter  
paper, that I am not H. A. Gillingham.

Did Mr. Noe give you the message I transmitted about the Bank notes  
of the old Hanover National Bank, which you were to clean for Mr. Zepf?



June 18, 1937

Mr. H. E. Gillingham,  
432 W. Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham,

Acknowledging your letter of June 17th, I have  
sent the two old Hanover bank notes down to Mr. Zepf.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

December 27, 1937

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,  
432 West Price Street,  
Germantown,  
Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:

I am herewith enclosing a list of the orders  
and decorations received during 1937. Outside  
of the thirty-one pieces that you gave, there is  
really nothing of much account.

If anything else shows up, I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

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Howland Wood,  
Curator.

Enclosure (1)

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